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PREFACE.

RETURN of Meetings of the Corporation, between 1st Apr 1893 and 31st March 1894, and the attendance of t Councillors thereat.

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Meetings of Urgency and Adjourned Meeting of Urgency	4	.....
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Total...	60	.....
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13. *Re* Proposed improvement of the Zoological Collection in the Victoria Gardens		

NAMES.	Attendance at Corporation Meetings.	Attendance at Committee Meetings.	Total.	Total attendance after allowance is made as per Corporation Resolution No. 203, of the 6th April 1893, for the fact that some members have given two or more attendances on the same day.	Remarks.
...nidas Barbhaya, Esq., J. P. *G*	37	....	37	33	
...Naoroji Katrak, Esq., L.M.&S., J. P. R (A	58	21	79	70	
...yen Kothare Esq., J. P. *J.*	34	....	34	30	
...hangir Gamadia, Esq., J. P. *R* (A Ward).....	39	.....	39	35	
..., R. G., THE HON'BLE MR., M.A, J.P. *U*	21	.....	21	20	
...nah M. Mehta, THE HON'BLE MR., C.I.E., J.P. *J*	23	4	27	23	
...ndas Calliandas Esq., *R* (G Ward)	28	....	28	27	Mr. Pranjivandas resigned on 15th December 1893 and in his place Mr. Ardasir F. Unwalla was elected by Ratepayers.
...otumdas Mungaldas Nathubhoy Esq., J. P. G.	33	....	33	32	
...ntula Khairaz, Esq., J P. *R* (B Ward)	22	....	22	20	
...ntula Mahomed Sayani, THE HON'BLE MR., M.A., ..., J. P. *R* (B Ward).....	39	3	42	36	
...ch, S., Esq., A.M.I.C.E., G.	23	5	28	24	Mr. Rebsch was appointed by Govt. on 6th June 1893 in place of Mr. Kirkham resigned. Mr. Rebsch left for England on 4th August 1893, and returned on 27th October 1893.
...ghton, G. W., Esq., J. P. *C.C.*	38	17	55	46	
...n Soloman, Esq , J. P. *J*.....	2	1	3	3	Mr. Solomon left for Europe on 1st May 1893, and resigned on 20th October 1893. In his place Mr. Vincent was elected by the Justices.
...vaji Dhurmaji, Esq., J. P. *R.* (E Ward).....	29	.....	29	27	
...dernath D. Khote, Esq., *R* (D Ward)	31	.....	31	29	
...bhowandas Munguldas Nathoobhoy, Esq., J. P. *R* (C Ward)	28	.....	28	27	
...bhowandas Varjiwandas, Esq., J. P. *R* (C Ward)	42	.....	42	38	
...ndrawundas Purshotumdas, Esq., J. P. *R* (B Ward)...	34	.....	34	32	
...egas, Accacio Gabriel, Esq., L.M. & S. *R* (B Ward).....	52	18	70	64	
...incent, R. H., Esq., C.I.E., J. P. *J*	14	.....	14	13	Mr. Vincent was elected by the Justices on 12th December 1893, in place of Mr. S. Soloman, resigned.
...alshe, W. P., Captain, J. P. *J*	29	.....	29	26	

NOTE.—The letters against the names signify—*R*, that the member was elected by the Ratepayers; *J*, by the Bench of Justices; *C. C.*, by the Chamber of Commerce; *U*, by the University; and *G*, appointed by Government.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Meetings held during the year were :—

	Meetings held.	Meetings convened but not held for want of quorum of Members.
Regular and Special Meetings.....	53	0
	53	0

Committees.

Re Audit	49	3 Unattended.
„ Attendances for signing cheques.....	124	0
„ Condition of Kamathipura	3	1
„ Government Resolution on the Municipal Commissioner's Administration Report.....	1	0
„ Improvement of the Matharpacadi Road	4	0
„ Repair of the retaining wall of Walkeshwar Road.....	3	0
„ Writing off of the value of Stock.....	1	0
„ Suit against Mr. Byramji Jeejeebhoy's Estate at Bhendy Bazaar, Parel Road.....	1	0
„ Printing tender of the Bombay Gazette Press.....	1	0
TOTAL ...	187	4
GRAND TOTAL ...	240	4

Return of Meetings of Standing Committee, between 1st April 1893 to 31st March 1894, and of the attendance of Councillors thereat.

Names.	Attendance at Committee Meetings.	Attendance at Sub-Committee Meetings including cheque gning, &c.	Total.	Total attendance after allowance is made as per Corporation Resolution No. 203 of the 6th April 1893, for the fact that some members have given two or more attendances on the same day.	Remarks.
Cowasjee Hormosjee, Esq., G.G.M.C., C. Chairman.	53	13	66	58	
Abdalla M. Dharamsi, Esq., B.A., L.L.B., C.	3	....	3	3	Mr. Dharamsi left Bombay to take a tour round the world on 22nd April 1893, and Mr. Kabraji was elected by the Corporation in his place.
Bhalchandra K. Bhatwadekar, Esq., L.M., C.	46	24	70	64	
E. B. Carroll, Esq., M.I.C.E., G.	47	11	58	49	
Fazulbhoy Visram, The Hon'ble Mr. G.	41	28	69	63	
Grattan Geary, Esq., G.	46	25	71	59	Mr. Geary resigned on the 24th February 1894, and in his place Mr. Rebsch was appointed by Govt.
Hurkisondas Narrotumdas, Esq., C.	51	23	74	62	
Javerilal Umiashankar Yajnik, The Hon'ble Mr. C.	46	19	65	53	
Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq., C.	47	3	50	47	Mr. Kabraji was elected on the 8th May 1893 in place of Mr. Dharamsi, resigned.
K. M. Shroff, Esq., C.	53	38	91	71	
R. G. Oxenham, The Hon'ble Mr. M.A. G.	43	20	63	51	
E. Rebsch, Esq., Assoc., M.I.C.E., G.	4	1	5	6	Mr. Rebsch was appointed by Govt. in place of Mr. Geary resigned on 6th March 1894.
G. W. Roughton, Esq., C.	50	21	71	59	
Accacio G. Viegas, Esq., C.	53	15	68	59	

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As existing, 31st March 1894.

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As existing on 31st March 1894.

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E. B. CARROLL.
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HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS.
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Municipal Secretary.

BOMBAY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICE,
13th April 1894.

JOINT SCHOOLS' COMMITTEE

As existing on 31st March 1894.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

BOMBAY, 6*th April* 1893.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation held this day, there were present :—

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULLA KUR, Esq.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; THOMAS BLANEY, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELLAPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASSARWANJI WADIA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq.; L. M. & S.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; R. G. OXENHAM, Esq., M.A., PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A. LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the WATER ENGINEER; and the SECRETARY.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

"That Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq., do take the chair."

Carried.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd ultimo, were signed.

A letter of apology for non-attendance was received from Selim Solomon, Esq.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq., seconded by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq.—

"That Thomas Blaney, Esq., be elected President of the Municipal Corporation of Bombay for the ensuing year."

No. 199.

Carried unanimously.

Proposed by the President, seconded by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq.—

"That the best thanks of the Corporation be given to Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq., the retiring President, for the assiduity and ability with which he has discharged the duties of his office during the past year."

No. 200.

Carried unanimously.

On the application of the Commissioner, the Corporation, under the terms of section 36 (*l*) of the Municipal Act, proceeded to consider as "urgent business" the following letter from the Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor and the Government notifications relating thereto.

Read the following :—

MALABAR POINT, 31*st March* 1893.

MY DEAR SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to address you with respect to the subject matter of the Bombay Government notification of 30th March 1893, a copy of which has been supplied to you.

2. Under the terms of that notification the invitation from His Excellency the Governor to the Corporation to assist him in nominating an additional member of the Bombay Council for making Laws and Regulations is to be addressed to that body through the President.

3. As, under the Regulations made by His Excellency the Governor-General, a limit of two months is laid down within which the recommendation must be made, and as His Excellency is anxious that the privilege accorded to the Corporation may not be lost owing to his invitation being issued precipitately, he proposes to defer issuing the invitation until you are in a position to inform him that there is reasonable probability of the selection being duly made within the period laid down by the regulations.

4. A copy of the notification having been forwarded to you, it is, His Excellency assumes, open to you to bring it before the Corporation and to invite that body to decide what the system shall be, under which the selection of a person for recommendation to His Excellency the Governor shall be made.

5. As soon, therefore, as you are in a position to inform His Excellency that the regulation period of two months is not likely to be exceeded, he will issue the invitation.—Yours faithfully,

S. W. EDGERLEY.

THE PRESIDENT,
Bombay Municipal Corporation.

No. 51 OF 1893.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY CASTLE, *30th March* 1893.

To THE PRESIDENT

of the Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to transmit for your information a copy of a notification No. 49, dated this day, and to state that in due course a further communication to you will follow on the subject of His Excellency's request.—I have, &c.,

W. LEE WARNER,
Secretary to Government.

NOTIFICATION.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

No. 49. BOMBAY CASTLE, *30th March* 1893.

The Governor in Council is pleased to publish for general information the following Rules for giving effect to the regulations made by the Governor-General in Council under Section 1 (4) of the Indian Councils Act, 1892, for Bombay, and approved by the Secretary of State in Council, as notified by the Government of India in their Notification No. 359, dated the 17th of March 1893 :—

I.—Nominations of eight persons to be Additional Members of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations only will be made by the Governor of Bombay under Section 29 of the Indian Councils Act, 1861, subject to Rule VII of the aforesaid Regulations made by the Governor-General in Council, on the recommendations of the following Bodies and Associations, respectively :—

A.—The Corporation of Bombay ;

B.—A group of Municipal Corporations constituted by the combination of all Corporations in the Northern Division of the Presidency of Bombay, containing a population of 5,000 and upwards, according to the last Imperial Census ;

C.—A group of District Local Boards constituted by the combination of all the District Local Boards in the Southern Division of the Presidency of Bombay ;

D.(i)—The Sardars of the Deccan, as contained in the list prepared in conformity with Government Resolution, Political Department. No. 2363, dated July 23rd, 1867 ;

D.(ii)—A class of large landholders in Sind, as notified in a list to be published annually by the Commissioner of Sind in the Sind Official Gazette for the purposes of this rule, constituted of First and Second Class Jagirdars, and of Zamindars who for the three years preceding the publication of the list have each paid not less than Rs. 1,000 annually as ordinary land revenue.

E (i)—The Association of persons engaged or interested in mercantile pursuits entitled the Bombay Chamber of Commerce;

E (ii).—The Association of persons engaged or interested in mercantile pursuits entiled the Karachi Chamber of Commerce;

F.—The Senate of the University of Bombay.

II.—The Governor of Bombay, in pursuance of Rule IV. of the aforesaid Regulations, will cause the Secretary to Government in the Legislative Department to request the aforesaid Bodies and Associations to recommend persons for nomination by the Governor as Additional Members of Council. These requests will be addressed to the persons indicated in the following list, who will also be requested to communicate to the Secretary to Government in the Legislative Department the recommendations of the Bodies or Associations concerned within two months after receiving the request of the Governor in each case:—

In case of A, the President of the Corporation of Bombay.

In the case of B, the Commissioner of the Northern Division.

In the case of C, the Commissioner of the Southern Division.

In the case of D (i), the Agent for Sardars in the Deccan.

In the case of D (ii), the Commissioner in Sind.

In the case of E (i), the Chairman of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce.

In the case of E (ii), the Chairman of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce.

In case of F, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay.

III.—The recommendation of the Bodies and Associations mentioned in Rule I shall be determined by a majority of votes given at an election as hereinafter indicated, that is to say,—

In the case of A, the Corporation of Bombay may recommend any person, provided he is ordinarily resident within the City of Bombay, who obtains a majority of the votes of the Corporation in his favour;

In the case of B, the recommendation of a person ordinarily resident within the Northern Division may be made by the representatives of the group of Municipalities in that Division, appointed according to the following scale: Every Municipality forming a member of the group with a population between 5,000 and 10,000 may appoint one representative, and every Municipality with a population of 10,000 and upwards may appoint an additional representative for every additional 10,000 or fraction of 10,000 of population, thus:—

A Municipality with a population of 5,006		may appoint	1 representative.
Do.	do.	9,578...	1 do.
Do.	do.	40,168...	5 representatives.

In the cash of C, the recommendation of a person ordinarily resident within the Southern Division may be made by the representatives of the group of District Local Boards in that Division appointed according to the following scale:—Every District Local Board forming a member of the group may appoint a representa-

tive for each 100,000 or fraction of 100,000 of the population of the district according to the last Imperial Census, thus:—

The District Local Board of Belgaum with a population of 1,013,261 may appoint	11	representatives.
The District Local Board of Rutnagiri with a population of 1,105,926	12	do.
The District Local Board of Kanara with a population of 446,351	5	do.

In the cash of D (i), the Sardars of the Deccan as described in Rule I may recommend any person elected by a majority of their votes.

In the case of D (ii), the group of landholders in Sind may recommend a person elected by a majority of their votes.

In the case of E (i) and E (ii), the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and the Karachi Chamber of Commerce may severally recommend a person elected by a majority of votes recorded in the manner laid down in their rules or articles of association for carrying resolutions or recording decisions upon questions of business brought before the Association;

In the case of F, the Senate of the University may recommend any person elected by a majority of the votes of the Senate obtained, under such regulations, not being inconsistent with the aforesaid Regulations made by the Governor-General in Council, as the Senate may pass for this purpose.

By Order of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council,

W. LEE-WARNER,
Secretary to Government.

NOTIFICATION.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

No. 41. BOMBAY CASTLE, 17*th March* 1893.

The Governor in Council is pleased to notify for general information that the following Regulations made by the Governor-General in Council under Section 1 (4) of the Indian Councils Act, 1892, for Bombay have been approved by the Secretary of State in Council :—

I.—Of the persons, other than the Advocate-General or officer acting in that capacity, to be nominated Additional Members of Council by the Governor of Bombay for his assistance in making Laws and Regulations, not more than nine shall be officials.

II.—The nominations to eight seats shall be made by the Governor on the recommendation of the following Bodies and Associations respectively, namely,—

A—The Corporation of Bombay ;

B—Such Municipal Corporations or group or groups of Municipal Corporations, other than the Corporation of the City of Bombay, as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe by notification in the *Bombay Government Gazette* ;

C—Such District Local Boards, or group or groups of District Local Boards, as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe as aforesaid ;

D—The Sardars of the Deccan or such other class of large landholders as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe as aforesaid ;

E—Such Association or Associations of merchants, manufacturers or tradesmen as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe as aforesaid ;

F—The Senate of the University of Bombay :

Provided that the bodies described above under A, B, C, D, E, and F, respectively, shall each (except as hereinafter provided in Rule VII) have at least one person nominated upon its recommendation, and A and F not more than one each.

III.—The Governor may, at his discretion, nominate persons to such of the remaining seats as shall not be filled by officials, in such manner as shall, in his opinion, secure a fair representation of the different classes of the community.

IV.—When a vacancy occurs and is to be filled under Rule II of these Regulations, the Governor shall cause the proper Body or group of Bodies, or Association or Associations, to be requested to recommend a person for nomination by the Governor.

V.—The recommendation shall be made—

(*a*) In the case of a Municipal Corporation or of a District Local Board, or of the Sardars of the Deccan, or such other class of large landholders as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe, or of the Senate of the University, by a majority of votes of the Corporation, Board, Body, or Senate, respectively.

(*b*) In the case of Associations not established by law, in the manner laid down in their rules or articles of association for carrying resolutions or recording decisions upon questions of business brought before the Association.

(*c*) In the case of a group of Municipal Corporations, District Local Boards, or Associations, by the majority of votes of representatives to be appointed, according to such scale as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe, by the Corporations, Boards, or Associations.

VI.—It shall be a condition in the case of any person to be recommended by a Municipal Corporation or group of Municipal Corporations that he shall be a person ordinarily resident within the Municipality of the district in which it is situated, or in some one of the Municipalities constituting the group or of the districts in which they are situated. A similar condition shall also apply to persons to be recommended by District Local Boards.

VII.—If within two months, after receiving the request of the Governor as provided by Rule IV, the Body or Association, or group of Bodies or Associations fails to make a recommendation, the Governor may nominate at his discretion a person belonging to the class which the Body or Association or group is deemed to represent.

VIII.—If the Governor shall decline to nominate any person who has been, under these Regulations, recommended for nomination, a fresh request shall be issued as provided in Rule IV, and the procedure laid down in Rules V and VII shall apply.

IX. (*a*)—As soon as conveniently may be after these Regulations come into force, eight of the seats held by non-official persons shall be filled up by recommendation under Rule II.

(*b*)—If there shall not be the full number of eight vacancies available for this purpose, the Governor shall determine at his discretion, subject always to the proviso in Rule II, which of the Bodies or groups mentioned in that Rule shall be requested to recommend the persons to fill up such vacancies as may then be available: and so whenever, and as often as any other vacancies among non-official members become available, until the full number of eight has been completed.

By other of His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council.—W. LEE-WARNER, Secretary to Government.

Proposed by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq., seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That, with reference to letter to the President from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, dated 31st ultimo, Government letter No. 51, dated 30th idem, Legislative Department, and Government Notification No. 49 of 30th of the same, the President be requested to inform the Private Secretary that the Corporation are prepared to proceed to recommend a gentleman as the representative of the Corporation."

Rider moved by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq.—

"That the Corporation will be prepared to make this nomination in the same way that they annually elect their President."

The rider was accepted as part of the original motion which, as thus amended, was *carried* as follows:—

"That, with reference to letter to the President from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, dated 31st ultimo, Government letter No. 51, dated 30th idem, Legislative Department, and Government Notification No. 49 of 30th of the same, the President be requested to inform the Private Secretary that the Corporation are prepared to proceed to recommend a gentleman as the representative of the Corporation.

No. 201.

"That the Corporation will be prepared to make this nomination in the same way that they annually elect their President."

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Letter to the Secretary, dated 15th March 1893, from Colonel W. H. Wilson, resigning his seat on the Corporation from 1st April 1893."

No. 202.

Carried.

The Secretary presented the following return :—

RETURN of Meetings of the Corporation, between 1st April 1892 and 31st March 1893, and the attendance of Councillors thereat.

	Meetings held.	Meetings convened but postponed for want of quorum of members.
Ordinary Monthly and Adjourned Monthly Meetings	58	.....
Special Meetings	3	.....
Meeting of Urgency	1	.....
Total.....	62	.....

Note.—Besides these Meetings, there were three adjournments, but the adjournments so set down were not reached on the days for which they were fixed.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DITTO DITTO.

1. *Re* Proposed increase in the force of the Police and its costs	2	.....
2. Sanitary effects of the House Connections	14	.....
3. Proposed scheme for the distribution of the water-supply	3	.....
4. Purchase of a Burial ground	2	.....
5. Appeal to the Secretary of State for India against the decisions of the Governments on the question of the Municipal contribution to the cost of Police	1	.....
6. Hydrophobia among dogs	1	.....
7. Entry by Municipal servants within Railway limits	3	1
8. Arrangements of furniture in the new Corporation Hall	1	.....
Total.....	27	1
GRAND TOTAL.....	89	1

RETURN of Meetings of the Corporation, between 1st April 1892 and 31st March 1893, and of the attendance of Councillors thereat.

NAMES.	Attendance at Corporation Meetings.	Attendance at Committee Meetings.	Total.	Remarks.
Javerilal Umiashankar Yajnik, Esq., *J, President*	62	22	84	
Abdalla M. Dharamsi, Esq., B.A., LL.B., *R* (B Ward)	25	4	29	
Anandrao Narayen Vasudeo, Esq., *G*	29	0	29	
Ardesir Dadabhai Mody, Esq., L.M. & S., *R* (B Ward)	59	13	72	
Badrudin Bin Abdula Kur, Esq. *R* (C Ward)	50	1	51	
Banks, S. O'B., Brigade-Surgeon Lt.-Col., F.R.C.S.I., *G*	52	12	64	
Bean, M., Captain, I. M., *G*	0	0	0	Capt. Bean resigned his seat on 8th April 1892, and in his place Mr. Byrne was appointed by Government.
Bhagwandas Nurotumdas, Esq., *R* (F Ward)	42	0	42	
Bhalchandra Krishna Bhatawadekar, Esq., L.M., *R* (D Ward)	50	19	69	
Blaney, Thomas, Esq., *J*	60	16	76	
Bomonjee Pestonjee Master, Esq., *R* (C Ward)	11	0	11	
Byramjee Nusserwanjee Servai, Esq., *J*	50	0	50	
Byrne, C. H., Esq., *G*	33	0	33	Mr. Byrne was appointed by Government on 27th April 1892, in place of Capt. Bean, resigned.
Carroll, E. B., Esq., M.I.C.E., *G*	16	0	16	Mr. Carroll was appointed by Government on 7th December 1892, in place of Mr. Lund, resigned.
Chimanlal Harilal Setalvad, Esq., B.A., LL.B., *R* (D Ward)	45	0	45	
Cornforth, J. P., Esq., *G*	25	0	25	
Cotton, George, Esq., *C. C.*	19	2	21	Mr. Cotton left for England on 4th June 1892, and returned on 7th December 1892.
Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., G.G.M.C., *R* (C Ward)	56	0	56	
Cowasji Pestonji, Esq., G.G.M.C., *J*	57	14	71	
Damodar Thakersi Mulji, Esq., *R* (C Ward)	39	0	39	
Darashah Ratanji Chichgar, Esq., *J*	37	0	37	
D'Monte, Dominick A., Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S., *R* (G Ward).	60	8	68	

NAMES.	Attendance at Corporation Meetings.	Attendance at Committee Meetings.	Total.	Remarks.
Dinsha Edulji Waeha, Esq., *R* (A Ward)	52	3	55	
Duxbury, J. R., Esq., *R* (A Ward)	1	2	3	Mr. Duxbury died on 18th July 1892, and in his place Mr. Nowroji J. Gamadia was elected by Ratepayers.
Elappa Balaram, Rao Saheb, *R* (E Ward)	31	0	31	
Fardunji Nasarwanji Bisni, Esq., L. M. & S., *R* (E Ward)	48	13	61	
Fazalbhai Jumabhai Lakji, Esq., *R* (B Ward)	50	0	50	
Fazulbhoy Visram, The Hon'ble Mr., *G*	24	1	25	
Fernandez, J. F., Esq., *G*	19	0	19	
Framji Dorabji Divecha, Esq., L. M. & S., *G*	33	6	39	
Geary, Grattan, Esq., *J*	42	1	43	
Gilbert, Reginald, Esq., *G*	9	0	9	Mr. Gilbert resigned on 21st December 1892 and in his place Mr. G. Lund was appointed by Government on 29th December 1892.
Goolam Hoosein Allana, Esq., *R* (B Ward)	36	0	36	
Govardhandas Gokuldas Tejpal, Esq., *R* (A Ward)	13	0	13	
Hamilton, W. R., Esq., *J*	7	0	7	Mr. Hamilton was elected by the Justices on 13th February 1893, in place of Mr. M. C. Murzban, resigned.
Hasambhai Visram, Esq., *J*	22	0	22	
Hormusji C. Coorlawalla, Esq., *J*	16	0	16	
Hughes, W. C., Esq., M.I.C.E., *G*	12	9	21	Mr. Hughes was appointed by Government on 21st May 1892, in place of Col. Merewether, resigned.
Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq., *R* (A Ward)	45	0	45	
Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq., *R* (B Ward)	59	3	62	
Jagmohandas Vandrawandas, Esq., *R* (C Ward)	18	0	18	
Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart., C.S.I., *G*	15	0	15	
Jamsedji Kharsedji Kama, Esq., *J*	44	0	44	
Jaya Karadi Lingu, Esq., *R* (E Ward)	40	0	40	
Kaikhosro Nowroji Kabraji, Esq., *J*	28	9	37	
Karsandas Chubildas, Esq., *R* (C Ward)	48	0	48	
K. M. Shroff, Esq., *R* (A Ward)	58	4	62	
Kharsedji Nasarwanji Wadya, Esq., *R* (F Ward)	48	0	48	
Kirkham, T. B., Esq., *G*	4	0	4	
Luchmon Singh, Rai Bahadur, *R* (E Ward)	29	0	29	
Lund, G., Esq., *G*	42	0	42	Mr. Lund resigned on 7th December 1892, and in his place Mr. Carroll was appointed by Government; Mr. Lund was again appointed in place of Mr. Gilbert, resigned.
Macnaghie, G. A., Brigade-Surgeon Lt.-Col., M.D., C.M., *G*	24	0	24	

NAMES.	Attendance at Corporation Meetings.	Attendance at Committee Meetings.	Total.	Remarks.
Manekshah J. Taleyarkhan, Esq., B.A., LL.B., *U*	12	0	12	Mr. Manekshah Taleyarkhan was elected by the Corporation on behalf of the University on 11th April 1892 under Section 34 of the Act.
Meherjibhai Rastamji Setna, Esq., L.M. & S., *R* (D Ward)	27	8	35	
Merewether, G. L. C., Colonel, R.E., *G*	1	0	1	Col. Merewether resigned on 13th April 1892, and in his place Mr. Hughes was appointed by Government.
Mirza Hussein Khan, Esq., *G*	25	0	25	
Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq., *G*	36	0	36	
Muncherjee C. Murzban, Esq., C.I.E., F.R.I.B.A., Assoc. M.I.C.E., *J.*	25	8	33	Mr. Murzban resigned on 19th January 1893, and in his place Mr. Hamilton was elected by the Justices.
Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, Esq., L. M. & S., *R* (A Ward)	59	14	73	
Nanu Narayen Kothare, Esq., *J*	46	0	46	
Nowroji Jehangir Gamadia, Esq., *R* (A Ward)	27	0	27	Mr. Gamadia was elected by Rate-payers on 20th August 1892, in place of Mr. Duxbury, deceased.
Oxenham, R. G., Esq., M.A., *U*	39	2	41	
Pherozeshah Merwanjee Mehta, Esq., *J*	43	11	54	
Pranjivandas Culliandass, Esq., *R* (G Ward)	46	0	46	
Purshotumdas Munguldas Nathubhoy, Esq., *G*	30	0	30	
Rahimtula Khairaz, Esq., *R* (B Ward)	22	2	24	
Rahimtula Mohamed Sayani, Esq., M.A., LL.B., *R* (B Ward)	48	4	52	
Roughton, G. W., Esq., *C. C.*	39	8	47	
Selim Solomon, Esq., *J*	58	5	63	
Shivaji Dhurmaji, Esq., *R* (E Ward)	33	0	33	
Sundernath D. Khote, Esq., *R* (D Ward)	54	0	54	
Tribhowandas Munguldas Nathoobhoy, Esq., *R* (C Ward)	26	0	26	
Tribhowandas Vurjiwandas, Esq., *R* (C Ward)	41	0	41	
Vandrawundas Purshotumdas, Esq., *R* (B Ward)	40	0	40	
Viegas, Accacio Gabriel, Esq., L.M. & S., *R* (B Ward)	56	20	76	
Walshe, W. P., Captain, *J*	31	0	31	
Wilson, W. H., Colonel, *J*	48	3	51	Col. Wilson resigned his seat from the 1st April 1893.

Note.—The letters against the names signify—*R*, that the member was elected by Rate-payers; *J*, by the Bench of Justices; *C C*, by the Chamber of Commerce; *U*, by the University; and *G*, appointed by Government.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Meetings held during the year were :—

	Meetings held.	Meetings convened, but not held for want of quorum of Members.
Regular and Adjourned Meetings	52	0
	52	0

Committees.

Audit	49	3 Unattended.
Attendances for signing cheques	126	0
Laying of new water mains	1	0
Messrs. Walsh, Lovett & Co.'s claims ...	2	0
Excess of one lakh on the Tansa Water Works	3	0
Total...	181	3
GRAND TOTAL...	233	3

RETURN of Meetings of Standing Committee, between 1st April 1892 and 31st March 1893, and of the attendance of Councillors thereat.

NAMES.	Attendance at Committee Meetings.	Attendance at Sub-Committee Meetings, including cheque signing, &c.	Total.	REMARKS.
Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., G. G. M. C., *Chairman, C.*	51	14	65	
Abdalla M. Dharamsi, Esq., B.A., LL. B., *C.*	35	17	52	
Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., L.M., *C.*	48	9	57	
F. B. Carroll, Esq., M.I.C.E., *G.**	1	...	1	
George Cotton, Esq., *G.*	8	9	17	Mr. Cotton left for England on the 4th June 1892, and in his place Mr. Oxenham was appointed by Government.
The Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, *G.*	40	28	68	
Grattan Geary, Esq., G.	47	25	72	
Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq., *C.*	50	16	66	
Javerilal Umiashankar Yajnik, Esq., *C.*	47	10	57	
Kaikhosro Nowroji Kabraji, Esq., *C.*	37	8	45	
K. M. Shroff, Esq., *C.*	51	25	76	
Colonel G. L. C. Merewether, R. E., *G.**	1	1	2	
Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq., *G.**	1	1	2	
R. G. Oxenham, Esq., *G.*	33	22	55	Mr. Oxenham was appointed by Government on 16th June 1892, in place of Mr. Cotton, resigned.
Accacio G. Viegas, Esq., L. M. & S., *C.*	51	14	65	
Colonel W. H. Wilson, G.	49	7	56	

* Messrs. E. B. Carroll and Mulji B. Barbhaya and Colonel G. L. C. Merewether, who were Members of the Old Standing Committee (of which one Meeting was held on the 6th April 1892), were not re-appointed.

Proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by G. Lund, Esq.—

"That the return prepared by the Municipal Secretary of attendances of members at meetings during the year ending 31st March 1893, and of the changes in the Corporation and Standing Committee during the same period, be *recorded*.

No. 203.

"That, in future, the return contain a statement showing the number of days on which members have attended meetings, in addition to the information at present given."

Carried (with one dissentient).

Considered the following :—

No. 27367 OF 1892-93.

BOMBAY, 16*th March* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY:

SIR,—I have received from the Executive Engineer two estimates, one for lighting the office rooms and the other for lighting the corridors and staircases of the new offices with kerosine oil. For the offices, an initial expenditure of Rs. 992 is reported to be required for the purchase of lamps and Rs. 2,063 for the corridors and staircases. A monthly expenditure of Rs. 176 and Rs. 138 for the two purposes has also been estimated for. For the clerks and surveyors a very cheap lamp, costing only Rs. 3, has been proposed, and for the superior officers, as well as for the corridors, &c., a lamp costing Rs. 15. The monthly expenditure has been calculated on an average basis of two hours lighting daily throughout the year. The Executive Engineer, however, thinks that in practice a smaller expenditure than Rs. 176 + 138 = 314 per mensem will meet requirements and prefers to take a round sum of Rs. 160. I do not myself think that less than Rs. 200 per mensem will suffice.

2. Every office in the Municipal buildings works through some of its members till seven or half-past seven every evening. The whole of the clerks do not stay as late as this, but a great number do, and there is no evening throughout the year, even in the hot weather, in which artificial light is not required, in the offices of the

Commissioner,
Health Officer,
Executive Engineer,
Water Engineer,
Drainage Engineer,
Assessor and Collector,
Revenue and Refund Audit Officer,
Chief Accountant.

Hitherto the work has mostly been done by candle light, candles having been purchased for each office out of its contingent grant, but a single candle gives a very insufficient light. There is usually

only one candle to two men, and I do not think it right that the Municipality should expect its servants to carry on their duties under such conditions. I did not think it worth while to raise any question on this score while the old offices were in occupation, relying on obtaining the better light which had been sanctioned for the new offices, but I must now appeal to the Corporation to allow an improvement to be effected, and unless some other expedient can be devised, I think the provision mentioned for kerosine oil lighting must be sanctioned.

3. The Executive Engineer has, however, made a proposal to me which seems so completely to meet the case that I have no hesitation in recommending it to the favourable consideration of the Corporation. I cannot do better than let Mr. Marzban speak for himself in the matter. He writes to me as follows, under date 15th instant:—

"It appears to me that by the addition of a dynamo and 'other "small plant, it would be possible to light the Crawford Markets "and the Municipal Office with the machinery already put up for "the Municipal Building.

"I have consulted Mr. Mossop, the Electrical Engineer, of the "firm of Messrs. Lang, Wharton & Down, Construction Syndicate, "who has fitted up the Municipal Offices, and he is of opinion that "the proposal made above is quite feasible.

"Mr. Mossop and I have inspected the Crawford Markets with "Mr. Higgins, its Superintend- "ent, and have come to the "conclusion that at least 19 arc "lamps, each of 2,000 candles "power, will be required as "per margin for lighting the "stalls, 8 incandescent lamps "of 50 candles power each, to "light the clock and 5 similar ones to light the staircase leading "to it. The arc lamps are to burn for about 7½ hours each night.

1	Lamp at entrance	
5	„ for fruit stalls	
7	„ for vegetable stalls	
2	„ for fish stalls	
1	„ for beef stalls	
1	„ for new mutton market under construction	
2	„ to light the passage.	
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"Mr. Mossop is unable to give a reliable estimate of the cost of "the additional plant without reference to his employers at home, "but he thinks that approximately it would be about £1,200, "which, at the present rate of exchange, will be about Rs. 20,000 "(twenty thousand).

"I estimate the probable monthly cost of lighting with electric "lamps the markets for 7½ "hours and the Municipal "offices for 2 hours every day "at Rs. 600 as detailed in the "margin. To this must be "added (on the assumption "that the additional plant "would last for 20 years) Rs. "107 a month, required to re- "coup in 20 years the initial "cost of the new plant

Coal, 15 tons at Rs. 19 per ton ...	Rs.	285
Oil	„	50
WAGES.		
Electrician	„	100
Driver	„	30
Oiler	„	12
Foreman	„	15
Coal carrier	„	10
Lamp attendant	„	40
Repairs	„	50
Total Rs.		592
say Rs.		600

" Rs. 20,000, with compound interest at 4½ per cent., minus the " initial cost of kerosine oil lamps which will have to be supplied " to the Municipal Offices at a cost of about Rs. 3,000. This " gives Rs. 707 as the total monthly cost of lighting with electric " lamps both the Crawford Markets and the Municipal Offices.

" The Chief Accountant informs me that at present the average " monthly cost of lighting the Crawford Markets with gas is " Rs. 600, to which must be added about Rs. 50 for lighting the " new Mutton Markets under construction, thus giving a total " of Rs. 650.

"If, therefore, the proposal I submit to light the Crawford " Markets and Municipal Offices with electricity were approved, " there would be an excess, monthly, of about Rs. 50 over the " expenditure now incurred in lighting the markets alone. But " there would be a monthly saving of Rs. 160 which would be " otherwise required for lighting the Municipal Offices with kero- " sine oil. In reality, a monthly saving of about Rs. 100 would be " effected, the risk of accidents by fire to the Municipal building " by the introduction of kerosine oil would be minimized, and " better lighting and greater cleanliness would be the result.

"In the estimates referred to above I have not taken into ac- " count the cost of fitting up the Municipal Offices, as that does not " affect the question at issue, the expenditure having already been " incurred.

"Mr. Mossop intends leaving for Europe shortly, but would " postpone his departure and obtain correct estimate of the cost of " additional plant from home if there is any chance of the above " proposal being accepted."

Mr. Marzban has put the case in so complete a form that I have scarcely anything to say except that I entirely agree with him in this most judicious proposal. The Arthur Crawford Markets are a building for which the electric light is eminently suitable, in fact they can hardly be properly lighted otherwise than by lamps of a candle power equal to that of the arc light. I need not add that the capital cost of the installation should be met out of loan funds, and I strongly advise that Mr. Mossop be authorized to put himself in immediate communication with his principals in Europe with a view to ascertaining exactly what that cost will be. I would not advise sanction to the scheme until this is known, except to this extent, that it may be sanctioned, provided it does not exceed Rs. 20,000. But perhaps the Corporation will prefer not to commit itself even to this extent until it has positive facts before it.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH,
Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 204. "That the Commissioner be requested to obtain details of the capital outlay required for carrying out the proposals for the lighting of the new offices and the Arthur Crawford Markets by electricity and to report the same to the Corporation through the Standing Committee."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 205. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 13655, dated 18th March 1893, from the Municipal Secretary, reporting Budget transfers, sanctioned by the Standing Committee, up to 15th idem, amounting to Rs. 393-10-0."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

No. 206. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 12858, dated 1st March 1893, sanction be given, as a special case, to the payment of a monthly pension of Rs. 4, from 12th February 1893, to Hari Dewji, one of the animal keepers of the Victoria Gardens, who on two occasions has been mauled—once by a tiger and subsequently by a monkey—and is now incapacitated for further service. The amount to be met from the grant for pensions and gratuities."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

No. 207. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 13212, dated 8th March 1893, and as a matter of grace, sanction be given to the sum of Rs. 200 being awarded to the widow of Pandoo Gopal, a mill labourer who was killed in the Kala Chowkey Road on the 18th February last by an accident which happened to the Byculla steam fire engine.

* "That this grant is only sanctioned, subject to the widow's signing a receipt in full satisfaction of all possible claims against the Municipality arising out of the accident.

* *Note.*—The second para. was added on the suggestion of Mr. Roughton.

"That the charge be debited to surplus cash balance."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardaseer D. Mody, Esq.,—

No. 208. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 13207, dated 8th March 1893, sanction be given to the signing of cheques for the following expenditure not separately provided for in the Budget for 1893-94, as advances to be subsequently adjusted against Budget grants or by cash recoveries, *viz.*, advances to Municipal officers, Rs. 15,000 : Private and Departmental Works, Rs. 1,00,000 : General Stock (carbolic acid powder, disinfectants, &c.), Rs. 25,000 ; Building and Repair Certificates and Water Connections Forms, Rs. 2,000 ; purchase of Stores for Water Works maintenance, New Works, Sales, &c., Rs. 2,00,000 : total Rs. 3,42,000."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Abdalla M. Dharamsi, Esq.—

No. 209. "That the report of the Standing Committee, No. 13218, dated 8th March 1893, be approved and adopted and that the Commissioner be authorised to offer Messrs. Walsh, Lovett, Mitchell & Co., the contractors for the Tansa Duct Works, Rs. 11,000 in respect of item No. 11 of their claims*provided they accept the same in full satisfaction of all their claims.

"The amount to be met out of the additional grant sanctioned by the Corporation, (*vide* resolution No. 12693, dated 23rd February 1893)."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 210. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 12857, dated 1st March 1893, sanction be given to the number of gas lamps provided in the Budget for 1893-94 being increased from 3,564 to 3,567, to provide for 3 lamps for the lighting of Armenian Lane now without lamps. The cost, *viz.*, Rs. 150, for putting up the 3 lamps and Rs. 18-9-8 per month for lighting the same to be met out of savings in the grant for gas lighting."

Carried.

* *See* Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 8th March 1893.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanu Narayen Kothare, Esq.—

No. 211. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 13450, dated 15th March 1893, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 9,000, from surplus cash balance, to meet the cost of 75—100 feet lengths of additional hose for the Fire Brigade."

Carried.

Proposed by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 212. "That the following be approved and *recorded* :—Letter No. 25798, dated 27th February 1893, from the Commissioner, stating, with reference to para. 2 of the Corporation's Resolution No. 7056, dated 17th February 1890, that the actual area of the additional land sanctioned to be taken up for the site of the new Municipal Office building, is 664⅓ square yards and not 600 square yards, and that, as Government have now claimed payment, he has authorized the Chief Accountant to pay Rs. 24,000 on account of 600 square yards out of the amount sanctioned in the above resolution and to debit Rs. 2,573-5-4 on account of the excess area to the contingencies for the new offices, in which there is a large saving."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 213. "That the Corporation approve of the transfer of Rs. 4,000, from savings in the grant for conservancy, earth to cover kutchra deposits *to* same head, section 2, labour, B, surface drain cleaning (repairs to roads opened for cleaning drains), to meet excess on the grant for cleaning drains, due to increase in the number of openings."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Abdalla M. Dharamsi, Esq.—

No. 214. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 13697, dated 22nd March 1893, sanction be given to an advance of Rs. 30,000, from available balances, to defray the cost of the extension of mains in different parts of the city, as provided in the

Loan Works Budget for 1893-94 ; the amount to be hereafter adjusted against a loan to be subsequently raised."*

Carried.

No. 215. The President said that, before being aware that he would this day be appointed to that office, he had given notice of motion as per margin, but he now informed the meeting that, as President, he did not feel justified in proposing the motion.

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to carry out experiments on the sewage in the Queen's Road and Charni Road sewers to ascertain whether the silt in these sewers is likely to cause any obstruction when put into the cast-iron pipes of the 'Shone system.'"

In a discussion that followed, it was suggested that the President should temporarily vacate the chair, but it was pointed out that section 36 (*g*) of the Municipal Act provides that every meeting shall be presided over by the President, if he is present at the time appointed for holding the same, and if the office of President is vacant, or if the President is absent, by such one of the Councillors present as may be chosen by the meeting to be Chairman for the occasion.

Eventually, it was agreed that the consideration of the motion be postponed to allow of members enquiring into the proposal, and if any member desires, of taking up the motion on his own account.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 216. "That the consideration of the following be postponed until the receipt of the remarks of the Standing Committee thereon :—Letter, dated 5th January 1893, from Mr. Narsingro Sayaboo Vadnala, to the Secretary, forwarding memorial addressed to the Corporation by the residents of Kamathipura, requesting that the sanitary condition of that locality may be improved."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq.—

No. 217. "That, with reference to their application, dated 13th February last, Mr. Shamsudin Sullemanjee and others be informed that the Commissioner reports that the land required for roads on the site of the old Race Course has now been bought, and that the estimates for their construction, as well as for the drainage and

*The words "against a loan to be subsequently raised" were inserted on the suggestion of Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha in place of the words "to the debit of Rs. 17,55,000 Loan for water works" page 76 of the Budget.

sewerage of the same, are being prepared by the Special Drainage Engineer and will be shortly laid before the Corporation for sanction."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 1068.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 28th March 1893.

Letter from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 2380, dated 2nd February 1893—Inquiring with reference to Government Resolution No. 223, dated 23rd January 1893, whether Government would be willing so to modify the terms as to give the Municipality the option of cancelling the lease on six months' notice previous to the expiry of each successive period of 10 years ; and making remarks.

Memorandum from the Public Works Department of the Secretariat, No. B.—315, dated 15th March 1893—Retransferring the papers forwarded with the memorandum from this Department, No. 407, dated 9th February 1893 ; and intimating that Government in that Department consider the Commissioner's proposal fair.

RESOLUTION.—The enquiry made by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay should be answered in the affirmative.

W. L. HARVEY,
Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 2 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *1st April* 1893.

Copy forwarded for information to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to the Resolution of the Standing Committee No. 11323, dated 1st February last.

H. A. ACWORTH,
Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq, seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

No. 218 "That, with reference to resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 11323, dated 1st February 1893, and No. 106, dated 5th instant, sanction be given to the acquisition from Government of 185½ acres, or thereabout, of land at Chimbur for the deposit of town sweepings on a lease of 50 years at a rental equivalent to four per cent. of the present market value (Rs. 100 per acre) revisable every ten years on the principle of a fixed proportion of the market value at the time of such revision, with the option to the Municipality of cancelling the lease on six months' notice previous to the expiry of each successive period of ten years."

Amendment moved by W. R. Hamilton, Esq., seconded by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That the Corporation should have the option of terminating the lease at the end of three years to allow of the success or otherwise of the incinerator being ascertained."

On a division the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 2 *for* and 32 *against*.

The original motion was *carried* by 33 votes (*against* none).

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 25582, dated 24th February 1893, from the Commissioner, stating, with reference to the last para. of the Corporation's Resolution No. 7934, dated 27th October 1892, that Government are not prepared to sell to the Municipality the land, admeasuring 2,433 square yards, adjacent to Colaba Railway Station, as it is likely to be required by the Railway Department."

No. 219.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 495 OF 1893.

P. W. Department, Railway. Bombay Castle, 7th March 1893.

Read again—

Government Resolution No. 469, dated 24th February 1890.
" " No. 613, dated 19th March 1891.
" " No. 1774, dated 18th August 1891.
" " No. 1876, dated 26th September 1892.

Read letter from the President of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, No. 12239, dated 16th Febrnary 1893 :—

"Referring to the construction of the Falkland Road Overbrige, I am requested to inform Government, with reference to their Resolutions, No. 1774, dated 18th August 1891, and No. 1876, dated 26th September 1892, Railway Department, that the Corporation have sanctioned the expenditure of Rs. 22,000 (twenty-two thousand), to the debit of Loan Works, to provide for their contribution towards the cost of the Overbridge, namely, for the acquisition of the land for the approaches thereto, with the stipulation that, as the bridge is only to be 45 feet wide, no tramway is to be allowed over it.

"As there seems to be no reason to doubt that the sum in question will more than cover the expenditure which will have to be incurred by the Corporation, they accept the terms laid down in Government letter No. 1496 of 6th July 1891."

RESOLUTION.—As the Municipal Corporation have now accepted the terms laid down by Government, and as the plans have been approved by Municipal Authorities, Government has no objection to the work being proceeded with as soon as the Municipal Authorities shall put the Officers of the Railway Company in possession of the land to be acquired by the Municipality.

H. O. SELBY,
Under-Secretary to Government.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq.—

"That Government Resolution No. 495, P. W. Department, Railway, dated 7th March 1893, be *recorded.*"

No. 220.

Carried.

The meeting then adjourned and the President fixed Thursday, the 13th instant, 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, *13th April* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 6th instant, and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; ; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CONFORTH, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., C.C.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., C.C.M.C; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L.M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; R. G. OXENHAM, Esq., M.A.; PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; SELIM SOLOMON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th instant, were signed.

Proposed by Abdalla M. Dharamsi, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai Nowroji Katrak, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to carry out experiments on the sewage in the Queen's Road

and Charni Road sewers to ascertain whether the silt in these sewers is likely to cause any obstruction when put into the cast-iron pipes of the 'Shone System.'

"That, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the necessary outlay on these experiments."

Amendment, proposed by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq., seconded by R. G. Oxenham, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the proposed experiments with the Shone System of drainage in Queen's Road and Charni Road sewers be postponed for the present."

Second amendment, proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Tribhowandas Varjeewandas, Esq.—

"That, until the Shone System is completed and tried in Colaba, no experiments should be made."

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Wacha was allowed to withdraw his amendment.

On a division, there were 13 votes *for* and 13 votes *against* the first amendment which was *lost* by the casting vote of the President.

There were 14 votes *for* the original motion and 14 votes *against* it, and it was *carried* by the casting vote of the President.

A poll was demanded by Messrs. P. M. Mehta, A. G. Viegas, Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Dinsha E. Wacha and Tribhowandas Varjiwandas.

The President appointed Mr. P. M. Mehta, as teller for the votes *in favour of* the motion, and Mr. A. M. Dharamsi as teller for the votes *against* the motion.

The President declared the result of the poll was as under :—

For the motion	14	
Against do.	15	*Lost.*

Division list of Councillors voting *for* the original motion.

THOMAS BLANEY; ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI; E. B. CARROLL; J. P. CORNFORTH; W. R. HAMILTON; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY; LUCHMON SINGH; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE; SELIM SOLOMON; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE. Total 14.

Division list of Councillors voting *against* the motion.

BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULLA; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS; JAYA KARADI LINGU; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN; R. G. OXENHAM; PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ; RAHIMTULA MAHOMED SAYANI; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS. Total 15.

The motion was therefore *lost*.

Shortly after 5 o'clock, the meeting adjourned, and the President fixed Monday, the 17th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 17*th April* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 6th instant, and adjourned from the 13th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, Esq., B.A. LL.B.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHOY JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L.M. & S.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS KALLIANDAS, Esq.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SELIM SOLOMON, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th instant, were signed.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 13213, dated 8th March 1893, sanction be given, under the terms of section 288 of the Municipal Act, to an agreement being entered into with the Kurla Municipality for a period of 5 years for the supply to them of water within their Municipal limits and on the terms and conditions set forth in the draft agreement submitted with the Commissioner's letter No. 28280, dated 28th idem. That the President, Kurla Municipality, be informed in reply to his letter No. 153, dated 14th

February last, that the charge for water supplied to that Municipality for consumption gratuitously cannot be reduced below eight annas per 1,000 gallons, but that a clause has been inserted in the agreement, providing that, in case of any extension in Kurla of the free service from dipping wells during the term of this contract, the Municipal Corporation of Bombay will be prepared to reconsider the rate on water supplied to those wells in spite of the fact that this contract has not expired."

Amendment moved by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 597. "That sanction be given, under the terms of section 288 of the Municipal Act, to an agreement being entered into with the Kurla Municipality for a period of 5 years for the supply to them of water within their Municipal limits and on the terms and conditions set forth in the draft-agreement. That the President be requested to inform the President, Kurla Municipality, in reply to his letter No. 153, dated 14th February 1893, that the charge for water supplied to that Municipality for consumption gratuitously cannot be reduced below eight annas per 1,000 gallons."

In the course of the discussion, the point of order was raised as to whether it was competent to the mover of a resolution, sent up by the Standing Committee, to consent to the withdrawal of the same.

The President ruled that, as there is nothing in the Municipal Act or in the rules to prevent such withdrawal, the proposition might be withdrawn in favour of the amendment.

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, the motion was then withdrawn.

The amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion.

Proposed by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq., seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

No. 598. "That, with reference to the Commissioner's memorandum No. 26584, dated 9th March 1893, the Corporation approve of the design of clock case for the Council Chamber now submitted.

"That, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will be prepared to sanction a grant of Rs. 655 for the cost of the case and of clock and amount of Mr. Stevens' fee."

The motion was *carried* by 20 votes *against* 4 votes.

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 599. "That Mr. Sittaram Laxumon be informed, in reply to his letters, dated 18th October 1892 and 13th January 1893, that the Corporation are under no sort of liability either for damages or costs in the case of the damage done by him as drainage contractor to a building at Haines Road, Agripada House Connection District."

Carried.

Proposed by Accacio G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq.—

No. 600. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 26437, dated 7th March 1893, from the Commissioner, stating that no modification of dimensions of buildings has been allowed for the half-year ending 31st December 1892."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

Monthly Return of Patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road for the month of February 1893.

No.	Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	2	11	13	1	2	10	13
2	Chicken-pox	8	8	16	9	...	7	16
3	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Cholera	...	1	1	...	...	1	1
	Total ...	10	20	30	10	2	18	30

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 601. "That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 26498, dated 8th March 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding monthly return of patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road during the month of February 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 602. "That the report of the Health Officer for the fourth quarter of 1892 be *recorded*."

Carried.

Proposed by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh, seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 603. "That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 27602, dated 18th March 1893, sanction be given, under section 92 (*c*) of the Municipal Act, to the charging of rent, at the rate of one anna per square yard per annum, for Municipal ground at Mahim, to the north of the Kavasji Jehangir Garden and by the Bandora Causeway occupied by 21 temporary huts belonging to Municipal Halalkhors, as per sketch marked 'A,' dated this day, and filed in supplement to Minute Books."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 1180 OF 1892-93.

BOMBAY, 22*nd March* 1893.

To H. W. BARROW, Esq., Municipal Secretary.

SIR,—I have the honour, by direction of the Joint Schools Committee, to forward a copy of the Budget Estimate of the School Fund, for the year 1893-94, in accordance with the Committee's By-law 11.—I have, &c.,

N. B. MASANI, Secretary, Joint Schools Committee.

BUDGET ESTIMATE of the School Fund for the year 1893-94.

RECEIPTS.	Estimate for 1893-94.	Estimate for 1892-93.	Actuals for 1891-92.	Estimate of 1893-94 compared with 1892-93.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Balance on the 1st of April... ...	19,101	19,101	14,742 9 5	...	...
2. Government Grant to Primary Education and Inspection	28,000	28,000	28,000 0 0	...	...
3. Fees from Municipal Schools ...	20,500	20,500	19,823 15 0	...	...
4. Contribution from the General Municipal Fund ...	58,532	55,220	51,300 0 0	3,312	...
5. Government Grants-in-aid towards Buildings ...	...	...	.....	...	...
6. Interest on Endowments or Investments	600	600	599 4 0	...	...
7. Miscellaneous ...	...	...	.....	...	...
Total...Rs.	1,26,733	1,23,421	1,14,621 12 5	3,312	...

EXPENDITURE.	Estimate for 1893-94.	Estimate for 1892-93.	Actuals for 1891-92.	Estimate of 1893-94 compared with 1892-93.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
A.—SCHOOLS.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Head Masters and Teachers ...	51,449	50,419	49,751 13 8	1,030	...
2. Servants	1,400	1,400	1,164 0 0	...	...
3. Rent	22,680	22,180	19,886 0 10	500	...
4. Cost of Class Books	230	230	217 4 6	...	...
5. School Furniture	1,100	1,100	972 9 9	...	...
6. Prizes	1,000	700	650 0 0	300	...
7. Contingencies and Miscellaneous.	2,420	2,540	1,792 10 0	...	120
8. Scholarships in Schools	288	216	180 0 0	72	...
9. Stipends of Students under training as Vernacular Teachers ...	820	820	375 11 4	...	...
10. Inspectors' Establishment ...	5,695	5,215	4,469 11 3	480	...
11. Grants-in-aid to Primary Schools.	20,000	18,000	15,873 0 0	2,000	...
B.—BUILDINGS.					
1. Municipal Original Works ...	...	...	.....	...	...
2. Repairs to Municipal School-houses	550	1,500	187 12 10	...	950
Balance on 31st March...	19,101	19,101	19,101 2 3	...	...
Total... Rs.	1,26,733	1,23,421	1,14,621 12 5	4,382	1,070

THE JOINT SCHOOLS' COMMITTEE'S OFFICE,
BOMBAY, 20*th March* 1893.

THOMAS BLANEY,
Chairman, Joint Schools' Committee.

N. B. MASANI,
Secretary, Joint Schools' Committee.

Memorandum showing how the estimated balance on the 1st April 1893 has been arrived at :—

Actual balance on the 1st April 1892	Rs.	19,101
Add—Estimated Receipts for 1892-93	„	1,04,320
	Rs.	1,23,421
Deduct—Estimated Expenditure for 1892-93 ...	„	1,04,320
Estimated Balance on 1st April 1893	Rs.	19,101

THOMAS BLANEY.
N. B. MASANI.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 1180, dated 22nd March 1893, from the Secretary, Joint Schools Committee, forwarding copy of the Budget Estimate of the School Fund for the year, 1893-94, in accordance with the Committee's By-Law 11."

No. 604.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 1742 OF 1893.

BOMBAY, 20*th March* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,
Bombay.

SIR,—We have the honour to forward to you herewith, in original, on behalf of our clients, the Mahomedan butchers of Bombay, a petition addressed to the Corporation of the Bombay Municipality with the request that you will lay the same at an early date before the Corporation. Our clients trust that you will be kind enough to support their cause, so that their petition may be successful.

2. In the meantime, on our clients' behalf, we beg that you will be good enough not to enforce payment as the increased fees referred to in the petition until the said petition is disposed of.—We are, &c.,

LITTLE, SMITH, NICHOLSON & BOWEN,
Solicitors, High Court.

No. 27815 OF 1892-93.

22*nd March* 1893.

Forwarded to the Corporation. The complaint is directed against (1) the increase in the fees on servants sanctioned in Corporation resolution No. 12256 of 16th ultimo, (2) the increase from Rs. 2 to Rs. 10 per head of buffaloes slaughtered at Bandora, sanctioned in Corporation resolution No. 12959 of 18th February 1892.

As regards the first point, there has been as yet no demand for the increased fee, and as some doubt has arisen as to its being strictly authorised by law, the Commissioner does not propose to demand it and intends to address the Corporation again on the

subject. The object was not to raise a revenue, but to prevent the present practice of sub-letting stalls, and it is believed that it can be obtained by modifications in the license form and by-laws, not involving any increase in the fees. The subject is under consideration.

As regards the fees on the slaughter of buffaloes, it was raised for very good reasons, which were reported to the Corporation at the time, and as the petitioners have not attempted to combat those reasons it seems unnecessary to dwell on this part of the petition.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 28262 OF 1892-93.

BOMBAY, 28*th March* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—By their resolution No. 12256 of 16th February, the Corporation sanctioned a proposal made by me for the increase of certain servants' fees in the Municipal markets, which I considered to be required for reasons set forth in my letter No. 23085 of 24th January. The Municipal Solicitors, however, have raised a question as to the legality of these fees under section 401, and I do not think it is advisable to levy them in the face of this doubt. I would therefore request the Corporation during their meeting in May to cancel the aforesaid resolution. The object was not to raise a revenue, but to bring under proper control the present lawless system of subletting stalls under cover of licensing servants, and the Solicitors have suggested to me such alterations in the license forms as they believe will achieve this object. I enclose for the information of the Corporation the revised form of Fadkari's license. Clauses II, III and IV are those to which I refer.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

MARKET AND SLAUGHTER HOUSES ESTABLISHMENT.

Fadkaris (sheep-dealers) License (under section 401 *of the City of Bombay Municipal Act*, 1888).

License No. Date

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888,

is hereby licensed for the period of one year, namely, from the day of 189 to the day of 189 (but subject to the conditions and restrictions endorsed hereon) to sell live sheep and goats at the DeLisle Road Market.

The fee chargeable for this license as fixed by the Municipal Commissioner, with the sanction of the Municipal Corporation, under Section 479 of the said Act, is Rs.

Municipal Commissioner.

License fee Rs. received.

Superintendent of Markets and Slaughter Houses.

The following are the restrictions and conditions, subject to which this License is granted :—

I. That the trade or business of the Licensee shall be carried on by himself personally or under his immediate personal supervision and direction.

II. That the Licensee shall, at the time of receiving this License, register with the Superintendent of Markets, and, from time to time during the continuance thereof, keep so registered the name of every servant who may for the time being be employed to assist him in his trade or business at the DeLisle Road Market.

III. That the Licensee shall forthwith cease to employ at the said market any servant whose employment there may be prohibited in writing by the Municipal Commissioner.

IV. That no person whose name has not been so registered or whose employment has been prohibited shall on any pretext whatever be permitted by the Licensee to enter the said market for the purposes of, or in connection with, the trade or business of the Licensee.

V. That the Licensee shall from time to time pay to the Assistant Superintendent of Slaughter Houses or any other officer duly authorized by the Commissioner such slaughter fee in respect of each and every sheep or goat brought for sale by him at the DeLisle Road Market as may for the time being be fixed in that behalf by the Commissioner with the sanction of the Corporation.

VI. That neither the Licensee or any agent or servants of his shall slaughter any animal or sell or offer for sale the flesh of any slaughtered or dead animal.

VII. That neither the Licensee or any agent or servant of his shall bring any sheep or goat for sale in the DeLisle Road Market from any place except the Bandora Municipal Fair Grounds or Slaughter Houses.

VIII. That the Licensee shall at any time on demand produce this License to the Municipal Commissioner or the Superintendent of Markets or any subordinate of the Superintendent of Markets or before any Presidency Magistrate.

Proposed by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 605. "That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum from the Commissioner to the Secretary, No. 27815, dated 22nd March 1893, and letter No. 28262, dated 28th idem, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, on the same subject."

Carried.

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 606. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 13702, dated 22nd March 1893, sanction be given to the payment of

Rs. 3,750, from surplus cash balance, to meet the cost of insuring the Municipal office building and its contents for Rs. 12 lakhs for a period of five years."

Carried.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 13696, dated 22nd March 1893, as under :—

"'That the following be forwarded to the Corporation :—Memorandum No. 27318, dated 16th instant, from the Commissioner, forwarding, for the information of the Committee and the Corporation, copy of a letter No. 27043, dated 14th idem, addressed to the Executive Engineer, on the subject of the removal of night-soil from Colaba.'"

Amendment proposed by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq., seconded by Chimanlal Harilal Setalwad, Esq.—

No. 607. "That the Standing Committee be informed with reference to their resolution No. 13696, dated 22nd March 1893, that the Commissioner will, if he thinks it necessary, forward his memorandum No. 27318, dated 14th March last, to the Corporation direct."

On a division, the amendment was *carried* as a substantive proposition.

Proposed by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh, seconded by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq.—

No. 608. "That the following be *recorded*, and copy of the same forwarded to the Commissioner for remarks :—Letter No. 951, General Department, dated 20th March 1893, from Mr. Acting Chief Secretary Vidal, stating that H. E. the Governor in Council is pleased to confirm, under section 81 (2) of the Municipal Act III of 1888, the revised rules relating to the retiring or pension fund for officers and servants of the Bombay Municipality. Forwarding for consideration of the Corporation letter from the Solicitor to Government, No. 217, dated 4th idem, on the above subject, and pointing out that the leave rules for the members of the Fire Brigade do not require the approval of Government under section 81 (*c*) of the Act."

Carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, *4th May* 1893.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULLA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; HURKI-SONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHABILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SIROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L.M. & S.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; R. G. OXENHAM, Esq., M. A.; PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th ultimo were signed.

Considered the following :—

No. 70 OF 1893.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT,

BOMBAY CASTLE, *18th April* 1893.

To THE PRESIDENT

of the Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay to request that, in accordance with Rule II of notification by the Government of Bombay, No. 49, dated the 30th March 1893, you will be so good as to convey this his invitation to the Municipal Corporation, Bombay, to recommend to His Excellency for his nomination as an additional member of his Council for making laws and regulations a person elected by that body.

2. I am also to request that you will notify to me the date of your receipt of this request, and within two months after the said date will further communicate to me the name of the person recommended as an additional member. In doing so, I am to request that you will certify that such person is duly elected as required by the Indian Councils Act, 1892; and by the Regulations published with the Government of India, Home Department, notifica-

tion No. 359, dated the 17th March 1893; and by the rules published with this department notification No. 49, dated the 30th March 1893, of all of which copies are enclosed for your guidance, and that in respect of residence and the procedure laid down by law, regulation, or rule thereto applicable, the said person is duly recommended.—I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Notices of intention to propose that Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta be recommended to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay for nomination as an additional member of His Excellency's Council for making laws and regulations were received from Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik and Mr. G. W. Roughton and Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy and Mr. Rahimtula M. Sayani respectively, and the President left it to those gentlemen to arrange between themselves who would propose the nomination.

Thereupon it was proposed by Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart., seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

No. 1121. "That Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, be recommended by the Corporation to H. E. the Governor for his nomination as an additional member of His Excellency's Council for making laws and regulations."

Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir Dadabhoy Mody, Esq.—

No. 1122. "That the following be *recorded*:—Resolution of the Standing Committe, No. 1411, dated 29th March 1893, as under:—

"That the following be forwarded to the Corporation:—Government Resolution No. 1029, General Department, dated 25th instant, re-appointing H. A. Acworth, Esq., I.C.S., Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, for a further term of three years on the expiry of his present term of office."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Banks—

No. 1123. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their Resolution No. 657, dated 19th April 1893, sanction be given to an allowance of Rs. 100 a month to Mr. J. Leask whilst holding the acting appointment of Municipal Secretary during the absence of Mr. H. W. Barrow on privilege leave for 3 months. The charge to be met from surplus cash balance."

First amendment proposed by Chimanlal Harilal Setalvad, Esq., seconded by Moreshwar Gopal Deshmukh, Esq.—

"That the Corporation do not approve of the arrangement made by the Standing Committee for filling up the place of Secretary to the Corporation during the absence of Mr. Barrow as the arrangement is in contravention of the provision of section 77 of the Bombay Municipal Act, 1888."

Second amendment moved by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by G. Lund, Esq.—

"That the appointment of Mr. Leask as acting Secretary be on the salary of Rs. 700 per month and that his salary from the date of his taking over his duties be Rs. 1,000 per mensem."

Third amendment moved by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Meherjibhai Rastamji Setna, Esq.—

"That the question of the appointment of an acting Secretary be adjourned until the opinion of Counsel is taken on the legal difficulties raised by Mr. Chimanlal Setalvad."

Fourth amendment moved by Grattan Geary, Esq., seconded by Anandrao N. Vasudeo, Esq.—

"That the pay of the appointment of acting Secretary be fixed at Rs. 700 per mensem, and that from the 7th instant his salary be Rs. 1,000."

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Roughton was allowed to withdraw his amendment.

Fifth amendment moved by Bomonji Pestonji Master, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That, in consideration of the legal difficulties involved, the Standing Committee be invited to reconsider their appointment and appoint a person whose pay, *plus* acting allowance, will not exceed Rs. 700 per mensem."

Sixth amendment moved by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

"That the Standing Committee be asked to reconsider their recommendation to increase Mr. Leask's salary by Rs. 100 while acting for Mr. Barrow."

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as under :—

		For	*Against*	
6th	*Amendment*	18	25	*Lost.*
5th	do.	12	29	do.
4th	do.	21	23	do.
3rd	do.	22	23	do.
2nd	do.	*Withdrawn.*		
1st	do.	15	28	*Lost.*
Original motion		25	16	*Carried.*

A poll was demanded by Messrs. D. E. Wacha, Sundernath D. Khote, N. J. Gamadia, and M. R. Setna.

The President appointed Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalvad as teller for the votes in favour of the original motion, and Mr. Cowasjee Hormusjee as teller for the votes against the same.

The President declared that the result of the poll was as follows :—

For the original motion	25
Against do.	15

The original motion was *carried*.

Division list of Councillors voting for the original motion.

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR; S. O'B. BANKS; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR; C. H. BYRNE; J. P. CORNFORTH; GEORGE COTTON; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE; FAZULBHOY VISRAM; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA; GRATTAN GEARY; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA; HURKISONDAS NARROTUMDAS; JAMSEDJI JEJEEBHOY; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI; K. M. SHROFF; LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND; G. A. MACONACHIE; R. G. OXENHAM; G. W. ROUGHTON; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS; A. G. VIEGAS; W. P. WALSHE. Total 25.

Division list of Councillors voting against the original motion.

BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI; J. F. FERNANDEZ; W. R. HAMILTON; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA; PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; SUNDARNATH D. KHOTE. Total 15.

Under the terms of section 36 (*l*) of the Municipal Act, the Commissioner asked the meeting to consider as "urgent business" the following letter on the subject of the closing of a portion of Carnac Road, and it was agreed that the same be taken as "urgent business."

Considered the following :—

No. 2240 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 2*nd May* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to Corporation Resolution No. 13957 of 23rd March last, a notice, as required by section 289 (3) of the Municipal Act, was put up, on 1st April, in the part of the street which it is proposed to close, informing the residents of the proposal. No objections have been received, and a clear month having now elapsed as required by the Act, I have the honor to request sanction of the Corporation to the permanent closing of the part of Carnac Road, referred to in the resolution above quoted. I enclose copy of the notice which was put up.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

NOTICE.

It is proposed to permanently close a part of this public street comprised within the following limits, *viz.*, the whole of the footpath from the point where this notice is erected up to the Municipal Drainage Department chowkey to the south-east and 245 feet distant from it.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

1*st April* 1893.

Proposed by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq., seconded by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

No. 1124. "That, with reference to the Commissioner's letter No. 2240 of 2nd instant, the Corporation sanction the permanent closing of the portion of the footpath in Carnac Road, referred to in that letter and in his notice, dated 1st April 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 1125. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 655, dated 19th April 1893, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 655 for the cost of clock for the Council Hall, including case, and the amount of Mr. Stevens' fee for design of the same. The cost to be met from savings in the grant for office furniture."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 1126. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 646, dated 19th April 1893, sanction be given to the budgetted number of gas lamps being increased by three, to provide for the lighting of a new urinal at Dalal Street. The cost of lighting, Rs. 18-6-0 per mensem, to be met from savings in the grant for gas lighting, current year's budget."

Carried.

In accordance with notice, it was—

Proposed by Meherjibhai R. Setna, Esq.—

No. 1127. "That, in the opinion of the Corporation, two gas lamps should be provided for the lighting of Parsiwada 3rd Lane, Khetwadi, to the debit of the grant for gas lighting."

The motion was seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.

The President ruled that the motion was out of order, as the entire executive power of apportioning lights was vested in the Commissioner.

Thereupon the motion was *withdrawn*.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 1128. "That the Corporation approve of the transfer of Rs. 706-11-11, from savings in the grant for earth for covering kutchra deposits, to Assessment and Collection Department, property and wheel tax establishment, section III, contingencies (printing), to meet excess consequent on the printing of a large number of forms and books."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhoy Navroji Katrak, Esq.—

No. 1129. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 283, dated 12th April 1893, sanction be given to the writing off of Rs. 6,879-3-4, being the book-value of 30 bullocks of the Health Department that died, one that was destroyed during the quarter ending 28th February 1893, and 76 which were sent to Pinjrapol during the year—total 107; and of Rs. 1,180-11-6, being the book-value of one bullock of the Market Department that died during the same quarter, and 11 bullocks sent to Pinjrapol during the year—total 12."

Carried with one *dissentient.*

Proposed by Nanabhoy Navroji Katrak, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq.—

No. 1130. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 697, dated 21st April 1893, from the Municipal Secretary, reporting Budget transfers, sanctioned by the Standing Committee, up to 19th idem."

Carried.

Proposed by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Banks, seconded by Captain W. P. Walshe—

No. 1131. "That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 1189, dated 18th April 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding, for the information of the Corporation, copy of memorandum No.27043,* dated

*See page 701 of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 22nd March 1893.

14th March 1893, addressed to the Executive Engineer, on the subject of the removal of night-soil from Colába."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Brigade-Surg.-Lt.-Col. Maconachie—

"1. That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 649, dated 19th April 1893, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 3,386 for cost of constructing tanks and temporary drains for the abatement of the nuisance complained of by the residents of Wodehouse Bridge, Colaba. The cost to be met out of the surplus of about Rs. 4 lakhs on current revenue for the past year, which have accrued since the publication of the revised estimates for 1892-93.

No. 1132.

"2. That, with reference to his letter, dated 1st March 1893, Mr. J. M. Moses be informed that the Commissioner has already issued orders for stopping the deposit of road-scrapings near Wodehouse Bridge on the Colaba foreshore, that the surface of the foreshore thereat has been filled with sweet earth, and that a rough ramp has been fixed to prevent the access of the tide.

"That the construction of tanks and temporary drains for the abatement of the nuisance has also been sanctioned, and that these measures should prevent the nuisance complained of."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormasjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That, with reference to their petition, dated 13th March 1893, asking payment of a bonus in connection with their contract for laying the Tansa pipe line from Ghatkopar to Kalachowki Road, Messrs. Sittaram Luxmon be informed that no offer can be made to them beyond the Rs. 4,500 already offered in full satisfaction of all their demands in the matter."

Amendment proposed by Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Esq.—

"That Messrs. Sittaram Luxmon be informed, in reply to their petition, dated 13th March last, that the Corporation see no reason to interfere in the matter."

No. 1133.

The amendment was duly seconded and, on a division, was *carried* as a substantive proposition.

Shortly after 5 o'clock the meeting adjourned, and the President fixed Monday, the 8th instant, at 3-15 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, *8th May* 1893.

AT the Special Meeting of the Corporation held this day there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., C.C.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., C.C.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADIA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CALLIANDAS, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NUTHUBHOY, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the ACTING SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th instant were signed.

Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalvad raised the point of order that, as on the date the meeting was notified by the President, *viz.*, the 28th April, there was no official intimation of Mr. Abdalla M. Dharamsi's departure or resignation, the meeting called for this day was not a legally convened meeting.

The President stated that he had consulted the Municipal Solicitors, whose opinion he would ask the Acting Municipal Secretary to read, together with the resignation of Mr. Dharamsi, which, though dated 22nd April 1893, had only been received by the Secretary on the 5th instant.

Read the following :—

BOMBAY, *5th May 1893.*

To H. W. BARROW, Esq.,
Municipal Secretary.

SIR,—We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your No. 1147, dated this day.

We understand that since despatching that letter you have received the resignation by Mr. Dharamsi of his seat as a member

of the Standing Committee, and this disposes of one of the main questions raised, in so far as the particular case of Mr. Dharamsi is concerned; but in view of the possibility of a similar question arising in future, we will presently reply to the question put to us on the footing of such resignation *not* having been received.

We will first, however, deal with the only question which now, in fact, remains as regards the present vacancy, namely, the question whether the meeting convened for Monday next, on notice given *before* the resignation was actually received, can legally be held. We think the meeting may proceed and that the filling up of the vacancy at such meeting will be valid. The notice, it is true, states that the vacancy occurred "by the departure from India of Mr. Dharamsi," instead of "by the resignation of Mr. Dharamsi;" but that is not, we think, material, inasmuch as the business to be transacted, namely, the filling up the vacancy, is sufficiently stated within the meaning of section 36 (*j*) of the Act.

Mr. Dharamsi's resignation, it seems, is dated 22nd April 1893, and was left by him apparently with a clerk, who through oversight omitted to send it on to you until to-day. The fact remains that (though it was not known to you at the time) Mr. Dharamsi did resign before the notice for the meeting was issued, and a vacancy had accordingly occurred. It might be possible, no doubt, to contend that the letter of resignation constituted no resignation at all until it was delivered, but we do not think such an argument should prevail, and we are of opinion that the validity of the meeting and of the appointment which may be made thereat could not be successfully impugned.

We will now consider the question raised in your letter on the footing of the position of matters when that letter was written. Mr. Dharamsi was known to have left India by a certain steamer, but no intimation had been received as to where he was going and for how long. Under such circumstances, we do not think it could be legally assumed that his seat was vacant. He might have changed his mind and returned from Aden, or, so far as was officially known, might have been back in Bombay long before the expiration of the three months mentioned in section 17 (*b*). In this respect it will be noticed his case differed materially from the cases of Sir Henry Morland and Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee—the subject of our letters of the 15th April 1890 and 2nd June 1891,—in each of which cases there was an intention (officially or demi-officially communicated as we understand) to be absent from India for a prolonged period—in the former case six months and in the latter three months—such avowal being, we think, equivalent to an intimation that the member of the Standing Committee in question would be incapable of acting as such during the period mentioned.

We consider, therefore, that if Mr. Dharamsi had not, in fact, resigned, it would not have been correct to treat his seat on the Standing Committee as vacant until the expiration of the three months contemplated by section 17 (*b*).—We have, &c.,

CRAWFORD, BURDER & Co.

BOMBAY, 22*nd April* 1893.*

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

DEAR SIR,—As I am proceeding on a tour round the world, and shall be absent from Bombay for about seven months, I beg to resign my seat as a member of the Standing Committee. Please, therefore, submit this resignation at the next meeting of the Corporation.—I beg, &c., ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI.

After discussion, the President stated that he had convened the meeting after having read the previous opinions of the Municipal Solicitors, from which he quoted the following sentences :—

"Notwithstanding that by a vote of the Corporation under section 17, Sir H. Morland's office as a Councillor may be retained, yet his seat on the Standing Committee must, on his leaving India, be vacated."

"Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee's seat on the Standing Committee becomes vacant immediately he leaves India, and so *renders himself incapable of acting.*"

And acting upon the opinion of the Municipal Solicitors, which had been read, he ruled that the appointment of a member of the Standing Committee of the Corporation be proceeded with.

Proposed by Chimanlal H. Setalvad, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq.—

No. 1302. "That, under the provisions of Rule 6 of the By-laws for the appointment of members of the Standing Committee, Mr. James W. Smith, Rao Bahadur Virprasad Tapiprasad and Mr. Manekshah Cowashah be appointed scrutineers to assist the Acting Municipal Secretary in examining the ballot papers for the appointment of a member of the Standing Committee."

Carried.

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* Received 3-15 P.M. on 5th May 1893.—H. W. BARROW.
The peon, Dhondu Raghu, on being questioned, says one of Mr. Dharamsi's Clerks, named Manekji Shapurji, handed this letter to him (the peon) TO-DAY.—H. W. BARROW, Municipal Secretary.

The ballot was closed at 4 P.M., and about 4-30 P.M. the scrutineers presented the following report :—

BOMBAY, 8*th May* 1893.

To THOMAS BLANEY, Esq.,
President, Bombay Municipal Corporation.

SIR,—We have the honour to report that we have this day made a scrutiny of the ballot papers presented for election of a member of the Standing Committee of the Corporation and that the valid votes recorded in the papers are as under :—

Badrudin bin Abdula Kur, Esq.	9
Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq.	16
Kaikhosso N. Kabraji, Esq.	25

We have, &c.,
J. LEASK,
Acting Municipal Secretary.

JAMES W. SMITH,
VIRPRASAD TAPIPRASAD,
MANECKSHAH COWASHAH,
} Scrutineers.

The President having received this report, declared Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq., duly appointed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, 8*th May* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 4th instant, and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULLA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L.M. & S.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSEDJI JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq.; L.M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., D.S.C.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the ACTING SECRETARY.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Commissioner in his letter No. 567, dated 11th April 1893, sanction be given to the sale, to Mr. Karimbhai Ebrahim, at the rate of Rs. 50 per square-yard, of 36·55 yards, or thereabout, of Municipal land at Kazi Street, bounded by red lines on the tracing marked A, dated this day, and filed in the supplement to Minute Books."

No. 1303.

Carried.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 28261, dated 28th March 1893, the Corporation approve, under section 269 (4) of the Municipal Act, of the closing of dipping well at Matunga Road, marked A on the tracing marked 'B,' dated this day, and filed in supplement to Minute Book."

No. 1304.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 1248 OF 1893.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY CASTLE, 11*th April* 1893.

To T. BLANEY, ESQ., J.P.,
President of the Municipal Corporation of the
City of Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, a copy of the resolution passed by this Government on the Administration Report of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay for the year 1891-92.—I have, &c.,

W. L. HARVEY,
Under-Secretary to Government.

Municipal Matters, Bombay : Administration Report of the Bombay Municipality for the year 1891-92.

No. 1246.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 11th April 1893.

Letter from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 1527, dated 11th October 1892—Forwarding 38 copies of his Administration Report for the year 1891-92.

Memorandum from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 16364, dated 27th October 1892—Forwarding for information the following extract paragraph 1 of the Municipal Corporation's Resolution No. 7712, dated 24th October 1892 :—

"1. That the Municipal Commissioner's Administration Report for the year 1891-92, the Report of the Auditors to the Corporation for the same period, and the Review of the Annual Report by the Standing Committee be *recorded*."

RESOLUTION.—The opening balance and revenue of the Bombay Municipality (excluding loans taken up during the year) are shown below and compared with the figures for 1890-91 :—

	1890-91.	1891-92.
	Rs.	Rs.
General Tax	16,90,277	19,19,345
Water Tax, &c.	11,49,198	11,81,429
Halálkhor Tax	5,27,222	5,55,877
Wheel Tax and Toll Fees	3,56,648	3,42,973
Town Duties	9,79,520	8,40,222
Receipts from Government	3,24,034	3,29,901
Market Receipts	3,29,276	3,46,105
Return from property, &c.	5,05,007	5,68,851
	58,61,182	60,84,703
Opening Balance ...	13,31,322	17,29,270
Grand Total ...	71,92,504	78,13,973

2. Excluding adjustment items relating to stock and recoveries for advances made, the Budget Estimate of revenue was Rs. 57,69,675, and a comparison with the above statement will show that the actuals are better by Rs. 3,15,028 than the estimate. An improvement is observable under all the heads except "Wheel Tax and Toll Fees" and "Town Duties." The head "General Tax" shows an increase of Rs. 2,29,068 over the figures of the previous year. Out of this, about Rs. 1,12,000 are on account of arrear payments of the tax on Government buildings, and the remainder represents the fixed increase of about Rs. 56,000 from the same source and additions from the general rise in the valuation of property. The net increase in the value of properties in the City is stated to be about 3½ lákhs of rupees. The estimate of revenue from "Water Tax, &c.," though considerably larger than the actuals for 1890-91, was cautiously framed and did not allow for the recovery of much of the outstanding balance. The collections exceeded those of the previous year by over Rs. 32,000, but the estimate was not worked up to owing to a large number of bills being issued late in the year. The halalkhor tax shows an ordinary increase on value and a special one on special services, the

rates for the latter having been raised. The cause of the falling off in the wheel tax is not altogether clear and the details of carts licensed, as given by the Assessor, do not agree with those given by the Chief Accountant. This may perhaps be due to the figures of the former being for the financial year. The enhancement of the duty on grain caused a large increase in the receipts from that source, which was however more than counterbalanced by the falling off in the sugar trade. The figures of the latter are remarkable :—

	1890-91.	1891-92.
	Rs.	Rs.
Import Tax	9,24,613	6,23,089
Refunds	5,92,077	5,53,916
Net ...	3,32,536	69,173

The reasons for this great decline are not apparent : it is stated that German sugar has been driven out of the Bombay market, but what has taken its place does not appear. The remarks made by the Revenue and Refund Audit Officer in paragraph 22 of his Revenue Audit Report show that the working of the Refund Rules requires very careful supervision. The head "Property and Miscellaneous" shows a considerable increase under the various items. The policy of speculation alluded to in last year's review was again pursued with some success as a net profit of about Rs. 54,000 was realized from the sale of Government paper and Port Trust Bonds and Rs. 1,65,535 from interest on investments of loan money and surplus cash. The Budget Estimate for interest was again much too low, and the cause has been only partly explained. If works for which loans have been raised are being postponed through an unwillingness on the part of the Municipality to part with favourable investments, it is open to consideration whether the conditions on which sanction was given to the loans being raised are being adhered to.

3. The estimates of expenditure (excluding that on loan works was Rs. 67,23,082 while the actuals amounted to Rs. 56,70,686 only, showing a saving of Rs. 10,52,396. Under the heads mentioned below there were very large savings :—

Fire Brigade	...Rs.	55,625
Public Works (ordinary) ...	... „	3,35,045
Do. new	... „	1,66,998
Public Health Deparment ...	... „	1,52,413
Municipal Debt	... „	2,70,987
Total	...Rs.	9,81,068

The total estimate of expenditure under these heads was Rs. 55,85,389, and of this, as shown above, more than 17 per cent. remained unspent. Under the first and last heads the savings have

been sufficiently explained ; in the former case they were due to the provision for new fire engines not being utilized, and in the latter partly to interest remaining unclaimed and partly to loans being taken up later than was expected. This latter occurrence might perhaps have been foreseen. The saving in the Public Health Department is due for the most part to large over-estimates in establishment and contingencies in the Conservancy branch ; this was also observable in previous years and steps might with advantage be taken to approximate the budget figures to the ascertained requirements. Out of the large sum shown under this head in the statement above, only Rs. 9,220 had to be renewed to meet unpaid liabilities. The figures under Public Works, ordinary and special, have been dealt with at length by the Chief Accountant, but it is not easy to say what are actual and what nominal savings. It seems, however, that under the minor head "Public Lighting" large economies were effected. The Municipal Commissioner gives the actual savings on the budget as Rs. 5,07,668 and the nominal savings as Rs. 5,44,728 : the latter sum has been renewed in the current year's budget. The Auditors animadverted on this practice in their report last year, and Government then pointed out its drawbacks. In so far as the grants renewed are on account of works commenced or debts really incurred there can be no objection to provision being made, but the entry, year after year, of items on which no immediate expenditure appears to be seriously contemplated is only calculated to obscure the real financial position of the Municipality.

4. The closing balance works out to Rs. 29,05,655, including a sum of over 7½ lákhs, the balance of the Tánsa Interest Fund. Out of this Rs. 23,94,728 have been appropriated in the Budget for 1892-93. The Auditors' report contains a routine account of the financial transactions and does not disclose any features of interest. As no irregularities are brought to notice, it may be presumed that the account work was satisfactorily performed.

5. The balance of property taxes outstanding is shown below and compared with that of the previous year :—

	1890-91.	1891-92.
	Rs.	Rs.
General Tax...	1,97,754	1,87,856
Water Tax	1,45,732	1,90,779
Halalkhor Tax	72,314	75,092
Total ...	4,15,800	4,53,727

A large part of the above balance was due to bills having been issued very late in the year, and nearly half of the amount was recovered before the 1st August 1892. The valuation of the Port Trust properties has now been settled.

6. The expenditure under the head Municipal Debt amounted to Rs. 16,37,405 against Rs. 15,52,138 in 1890-91. Of this, Rs. 12,49,949 were on account of interest and Rs. 3,87,456 on account of capital and sinking funds. The expenditure on loan works amounted to Rs. 34,20,539. The figures for the last five years are given below and compared with the loans actually raised :—

	Loans raised.	Expenditure on Loan Works.
	Rs.	Rs.
1887-88	43,00,000	23,68,847
1888-89	34,76,500	31,92,096
1889-90	32,32,000	43,97,388
1890-91	61,01,000	45,77,791
1891-92	33,53,000	34,20,539
Total ...	2,04,56,500	1,79,56,611

The sums invested in the Bank of Bombay and in securities is shown as Rs. 83,57,758, and a large portion of this—how much exactly it is difficult to ascertain—represents unspent balances of loans raised. It seems probable that the Municipality has of late years borrowed more than was necessary, and the fact that it must, for much of the balance referred to, be paying more interest than it receives tends to discount very considerably the credit taken in the reports for prudent administration of investments.

7. In conclusion His Excellency in Council can only remark again, as last year, that it is practically impossible to ascertain, from the information given, the exact financial position and prospects of the Municipality. The Expenditure Budget of 1891-92 was, as remarked above, full of over-estimates, which render it difficult to form a correct opinion as to the real standard of expenditure at its present state of growth. The Revenue Budget, too, contains receipts on account of investments which cannot be looked on as permanent items of income. It only remains to be added that the Municipal authorities do not anticipate any extra taxation in the immediate future, and the balance at their disposal is probably sufficient to ensure this for several years to come.

8. Copies of these remarks should be sent to the President of the Corporation and to the Municipal Commissioner for information.

W. L. HARVEY,
Under-Secretary to Government.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 1248, General Department, dated 11th April 1893, from Mr.

Under-Secretary Harvey, forwarding Government Resolution No. 1246, same department and same date, on the Administration Report of the Bombay Municipality for the year 1891-92."

Amendment proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Moreshwar Gopal Deshmukh, Esq.—

"That the Government letter be referred to the Standing Committee and the Municipal Commissioner to furnish the Corporation with a report on the subject."

No. 1305.

On a division the amendment was *carried* as a substantive proposition by 18 votes *against* 4.

Considered the following :—

No. 1937-A.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 28th March, 1893.

Letter to the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, *No. 311, dated the 14th January, 1893*—Enquiring when he proposes to pay the difference between the monthly payment now made on account of the Bombay City Police and that due under the decision conveyed to him in this Department letter *No. 4570, dated the 23rd August, 1892.*

Letter from ditto ditto, No. 22732, dated the 19th January, 1893.

Letter from ditto ditto, No. 24167, dated the 7th February, 1893 :—

"With reference to my letter No. 22732 of 19th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that the Corporation on 2nd instant passed a Resolution, of which extract is given in the margin. I have desired payments to be made accordingly, that is, that the difference between Rs. 21,523-12-7 and Rs. 30,278-12-0 per mensem should be at once paid up to the end of last month, and the balance as it falls due, and in accordance with the Resolution of the Corporation beg that it may be noted that the payment is made under protest and without prejudice to the claim of the Corporation to a refund."

"That with reference to the Corporation's Resolution No. 12551, dated 8th February, 1892, to the effect that the grant for Police be passed at (Rs. 4,00,000) four lakhs provisionally for the current year, instead of (Rs. 4,50,000) four lakhs and fifty thousand, as required by Government, the Commissioner be now authorised to disburse the charges for the current year to the extent of (Rs. 3,63,345) three lakhs, sixty-three thousand, three hundred and forty-five as now demanded by Government, but that he be requested to inform Government that the Corporation pay such amount under protest and without waiving their claim to the refund of charges objected to by them."

Letter from the President, Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, No. 12446, dated the 22nd February, 1893 :—

With reference to Government letter No. 6696, Judicial Department, dated 28th November, 1892, I am requested to inform Government that on the 2nd instant, the Corporation, under protest and without waiving their right to the refund of charges included in the demand of Government, authorised the Municipal Commissioner to disburse the Police charges for the current year to the amount of (Rs. 3,63,345) three lakhs, sixty-three thousand, three hundred and forty-five. At the same time, the Corporation appointed a Committee to draw up a memorial to His Excellency the Governor in Council, pointing out that certain items included in the demand are not chargeable to the Municipality."

RESOLUTION.—The Accountant General and the Financial and General Departments should be informed.

C. H. A. HILL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 351 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *8th April* 1893.

Copy forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for the information of the Corporation.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by G. Cotton, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubilddas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 351, dated 8th April 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding Government Resolution No. 1937A, Judicial Department, dated 28th March 1893, on the subject of the disbursement of the Police charges for the year 1892-93 to the amount of Rs. 3,63,345."

No. 1306.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 533 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *10th April* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to para. 2 of the Resolution of the Corporation, No. 7712, dated 24th October 1892, I have the honor to report that it appears from the specification attached to the contract

for the construction of sewers and pipe drains (in 1868-69) that the material specified to be used in raising the roads was limited to the best of the surplus materials from the trenches, to be selected by the Engineer, and that in case surplus earth from excavations was insufficient to raise the roadway to the required level the contractors were to supply earth for that purpose. The works carried out are stated to comprise "brick works, sewers and 12", 9" and 6" earthenware pipe drains," and the cost of the works amounted to Rs. 1,91,047-8-10, out of which Rs. 70,656 are on account of the cost of main sewers as under :—

Main sewer in Kharsetji Suklaji Street	Rs.	28,962
„ in Kamatipura Centre and Bazar Streets ...	„	41,694
	Rs.	70,656

The cost of filling in is not shown separately in the accounts, and I am therefore not in a position to furnish it.

With reference to para. 3 of the resolution referred to, I have the honor to state that, as there was no information available as regards the material in which the sewers and pipe drains were laid, trial pits, generally about 10 feet deep, were sunk by the Engineer in the streets shown in the accompanying statement, from which it will be seen that practically there is almost no sign of kuchra. But the Health Officer wants the depth of these borings increased to 25 feet, and seven more pits to be sunk in other positions. But as the cost of this is estimated at Rs. 6,117, I am averse to incurring it and await instructions, for which I have already applied to the Corporation in my report No. 26476 of 8th ultimo, on the petition from the residents of Kamatipura.

I append a statement showing the depths of sewers and pipe drains in different streets of Kamatipura and forward copy of the Health Officer's report No. 36789, dated 30th March 1893, on the causes of mortality in the district of Kamatipura.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No.	Locality.	Total depth of pit.	Nature of soil at bottom of pit.	Depth of filled in materials.	Nature of materials used for filling.	REMARKS.
1	Kharsedji Suklaji Street, junction with Bellasis Road.	10′	Clay	2′-6″	Earth filling.	
2	Kamatipura 11th Street	10′	Do.	3′-6″	Do.	In which there is a block seam 8″ thick.
3	Kharsedji Suklaji Street...	8′	Clay and lime stone nodules.	2′-6″	Do.	This hole has been filled in because the road was hollow round about it.
4	Kamatipura 5th Street	8′	Clay	5′-0″	Do.	
5	Kharsedji Suklaji Street near Bapty Road Corner ...	10′	Clay and moorum ...	5′-0″	Do.	In which there is a block seam 4″ thick.
6	Kharsedji Suklaji Street, opposite Bhanji Chawls ...	7′	Whitish clay... ...	3′-0″	Do.	
7	Centre Road south end in Kamatipura 2nd Street ...	9′-6″	Do. and moorum..	...	.....	This was filled in immediately after the inspection.
8	Kamatipura 5th Street, between Centre Bazar Road...	8′-6″	Do. do. ...	...	.....	Do. do.
9	Centre Road 8th Street	9′	Clay and Moorum ...	3′-0″	Earth filling.	Do. do.
10	Centre Road 12th Street...	9′-6″	Do. do. ...	2′-6″	Do.	Do. do.
11	Centre Road, Foras Road junction with Bellasis Road.	9′-6″	Clay	5′-9″	Do.	
12	Bazar Road, junction with Bellasis Road	8′-6″	Do.	4′-6″	Do.	
13	Bazar Road, 12th Street...	9′	Clay and moorum ...	2′-6″	Do.	
14	Bazar Road, opposite 8th Street...	10′	Stiff clay	2′-6″	Do.	
15	Bazar Road, opposite 5th Street...	9′-6″	Clay	1′-6″	Do.	
16	Bazar Road, junction of Bapty Road	10′	Do.	3′-6″	Do.	This was filled in after the inspection.

Pipe Sewers.	Kamatipura—	
	3rd Street	4 feet.
	4th Do.	4 feet.
	5th Do.	4 feet.
	6th Do.	4 feet 8 inches.
	7th Do.	4 feet 6 inches.
	9th Do.	4 feet.
	10th Do.	3 feet 4 inches.
	11th Do.	3 feet 6 inches.
	12th Do.	3 feet 6 inches.
	14th Do.	3 feet 6 inches.
	15th Do.	3 feet.
Masonry Sewers.	Cursetji Sooklaji Street	9 feet.
	Kamatipura Centre Street	6 feet.
	Kamatipura Bazar Street	7 feet 6 inches.

No. 36789 OF 1892-93.

BOMBAY, 30*th March* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

In the last Annual Report I described fully, as I have done in previous Reports, the causes of the enhanced mortality in Kamatipura. The causes are classified into insanitary conditions within the soil, the dwellings and population. In insanitary conditions of the soil I have already discussed the most important result of these conditions is the pollution of the subsoil water. The subsoil water of Kamatipura is close to the surface, and being polluted, the danger from the low level of the district and the height of the subsoil water is very much increased. And further a large number of the poor in Kamatipura sleep on the streets breathing the foul air from the ground and from the gully traps. I have for years been strongly of opinion that measures are necessary to reduce the level of the subsoil water in this portion of the City. With a larger supply of water and insufficient pumping power to remove all the water, Kamatipura, like other low-lying portions of the City, has been affected and will be more damp. It is only necessary to look at the contour of the Island to observe the unfavourable sanitary position of Kamatipura.

The insanitary condition of dwellings I have described in the Annual Report as follows :—

" *Overcrowding of room and building.*—There is great pressure " of population on the ground surface and in dwellings imperfect- " ly ventilated. A large portion of the population live on ground " floors, and yet Kamatipura is now one of the densely populated " localities having 10·96 square yards to each person. The den- " sity in Kamatipura is greater than represented, for there is no " open space given to public use. To receive this population " houses—double rooms with dark passage between, long and " narrow, dark and damp—with narrow spaces between, have been " constructed, while the houses have not been raised high, they " have been constructed of great depth running far back to gullies

"and on each side narrow space. In these houses a disease "susceptible population have been collected, elements of "more susceptibility than in any other section of the City. In "Kamatipura 12 per cent. of all the outcaste population of Bom- "bay live."

In the Fourth Quarterly Report of 1889 I referred to the serious defect in the Municipal law in regard to the provision for securing the ventilation of buildings being constructed in positions on which buildings had already been erected, and I wrote as follows :—

"The number of insanitary buildings being erected is very "serious. * * * * Not only are unwholesome buildings "being erected, but open space which had in former years been "secured within buildings is being built over. It is true that "such open space could not be secured by law, but through such "influence and persuasion as a department could exercise. The "tenants suffer, and the tenants are many while the house owners "are few. * * * * I have the honor to forward the accom- "panying report from the Inspector, B ward, on houses being "built or rebuilt without sufficient open space around them for "wholesome ventilation and lighting. I have inspected the houses "and some of them are of the worst type of building without "open space on either side, and therefore with room space inside "which cannot have direct light from without and cannot be "wholesomely ventilated. This is the type of building which had "to be permitted under the old law. If under the present law "buildings such as are shown in this statement can be erected, "then with the new law sanitary building will be as impossible as "with the old law, and the condition of new buildings will be no "better than the condition of old buildings. * * *"

I regret that, notwithstanding so many years have elapsed since that report was written, measures have not been taken to have the Municipal Act amended in so far as the law concerning the rebuilding of dwellings and the people of this City protected from unwholesome dwellings in the localities most crowded. This—as I must respectfully call it apathy in regard to unwholesome dwelling—is most deplorable. The tenants are many, the landlords are few, but the law is so constructed as to protect the few, and not to protect but to injure the many.

The measures immediately necessary in Kamatipura are improved subsoil drainage and improvement of dwellings.

It is needless for me to say that in any locality having so large a proportion of poor, &c., it is impossible either in Bombay or elsewhere to have as low a mortality as may be expected in districts having more opulent classes. I need not refer to the question of house connections, as that has already been fully discussed.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

Proposed by G. Cotton, Esq., seconded by Nowrojee J. Gamadia, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 533, dated 10th April 1893, from the Commissioner, submitting report called for by the Corporation in paras. 2 and 3 of their resolution No. 7712, dated 24th October 1892, as to the material that was used for filling in the main and cross streets of Kamatipura at the time of laying down the sewerage system of the district, the amount of expenditure incurred in such filling in, the material in which the sewers and pipe-drains have been laid, and the depth of their foundations below the road surface, &c."

No. 1307.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Resolution of the Standing Commitee, No. 652, dated 19th April 1893, as under:—That, with reference to their resolution No. 5147, dated 18th August 1892, the Corporation be informed that Mr. Saisha R. Naidoo declines to contribute the Rs. 5,000, which it is estimated would be the cost of erecting a suitable drinking-trough for cattle at the junction of Hornby and Paltan Roads."

No. 1308.

Carried.

Considered the following:—

Monthly Return of Patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road for the month of March 1893.

No.	Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	10	15	25	6	9	10	25
2	Chicken-pox	7	18	25	20	...	5	25
3	Measles	...	1	1	...	...	1	1
4	Cholera	1	2	3	1	2	...	3
	Total ...	18	36	54	27	11	16	54

1*st April* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road.

No. 380 of 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *8th April* 1893.

Forwarded to the Commissioner for information.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 451 of *10th April* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to the Corporation resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 1309. "That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 451, dated 10th April 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding return of patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road during the month of March 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Jaya Karadi Lingu, Esq.—

No. 1310. "That the consideration of the following be further postponed :—Memorial from the inhabitants of Kamathipura regarding the sanitary improvements of that district."

Carried.

Proposed by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 1311. "That the consideration of the following be transferred to the June meeting :—Letter from the Commissioner to the Secretary, No. 28262, dated 28th March last, asking the Corporation to cancel their resolution No. 12256, dated 16th February 1893, sanctioning the increase of the fees paid for butchers' servants."

Carried.

Read the following :—

BOMBAY, *21st April* 1893.

To THE PRESIDENT AND THE MEMBERS
of the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned owners and residents of the several houses situated in the Nanabhoy Bomonji Street, commonly called Shapurji Sett's Chuckla, Fort, beg respectfully to memorialize

you against the erection of the new Fire Brigade Establishment at the entrance of the street, on the following grounds:—

1. That the piece of ground being at the entrance of the street, any building constructed thereon would, to a great extent, prevent the breeze from the west coming in.

2. That your memorialists are informed that at the time this piece of ground was purchased by the Municipality from its different owners, it was with the express aim and object not to build upon it, but to keep the space open so as to form an additional lung for the ingress of as much pure air into the street which is glutted with houses, most of which are four and five storeys high, and that, if possible, the bare ground be converted into a garden.

3. That in the event of a fire breaking out at midnight, which is generally the case, the Fire Brigade Establishment would be in a state of stir and activity at that late hour, and this would prove a source of great annoyance to the inhabitants of the street.

4. That in all cases of fires it is customary to announce the occurrence of it to the men in the establishment by the blow of a horn. Your memorialists beg to point out that the discordant sound of the horn, aggravated by the mildness of the quiet hours, would not only disturb the rest of the people inhabiting the houses, but would frighten children and prove a source of great danger to those in delicate state of health.

5. That the stabling of the horses belonging to the Fire Brigade would cause a nuisance and prove offensive to the health of the residents.

6. That the erection of a Fire Brigade Establishment will go a long way in materially depreciating the value of house property there.

7. That there being plenty of available open space on the Maidan opposite this piece of ground, the proposed building can be put up there without in any way interfering with the health and comfort of any, and your memorialists submit that an establishment of this sort would be more in place on an open space than it would be on a plot of ground with restricted limits.

We submit that the grounds we have urged against the erection of this establishment are valid and substantial, and, under the circumstances, respectfully beg that you will be pleased to take the matter into your kind consideration and prevent the erection of the building thereon.—We have, &c.,

SORABJEE HORMUSJEE BOTTLEWALLA,
ARDASEER PESTONJEE SETNA and 30 others.

Proposed by Khaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the following be referred to the Commissioner for favour of remarks :—Memorial from Messrs. Sorabjee Hormusjee Bottlewalla, Ardashir Pestonjee Setna and other residents of Nanabhoy Bomonjee

No. 1312.

Street, dated 21st April 1893, requesting that the new Fire Brigade station may not be erected at the entrance to that street on the grounds that such station would prevent the entrance of the westerly breeze to the street, that the existence of the station would prove an annoyance to the neighbourhood and would depreciate the value of the property.

(2.) That the report be submitted in time for the next monthly meeting."

Amendment proposed by Dinshaw E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That, until the Municipal Commissioner has reported fully on the subject of the site, further construction work be entirely suspended."

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 2 *for* and 14 *against*.

The original motion was *carried* by 16 votes *against* 1.

Considered letter No. 1543, dated 24th April 1893, from the Commissioner, as under :—

SIR,—With reference to Corporation Resolutions Nos. 8208 of 14th November 1890 and 12255, dated 16th February 1893, sanctioning the levying of license fees, under section 394 of the Municipal Act, I have the honor to request the sanction of the Corporation to my substituting the word "stack" for the word "space" in the case of timber and firewood, and "stack" for "occupied area" in the case of hay, straw and grass in the schedule of fees.

Up to date the practice has been to recover license fees on the individual stacks, and this practice has been accepted without question. A manœuvre, however, has been recently adopted, by which one individual constitutes himself the nominal occupant of a large area and the nominal owner of all the stacks, however large and numerous, which stand on it, and thus a single fee only becomes recoverable for perhaps fifty stacks. It is obvious that this process renders the Municipal control which the schedule of fees has been framed to enforce and preserve a mere farce. For instance, the whole area occupied by hay at Mody Bay, which now pays Rs. 1,300 in fees, would pay only Rs. 50, that at the Flats Rs. 50 instead of Rs. 1,050, and so on. It would be impossible, under these circumstances, to enforce any Municipal regulation, such as this trade so emergently requires. That the totality of the fees does not constitute a burdensome sum may be assumed by a reference to the rents paid. For instance, at Mody Bay, Frere Bunder and the Flats the rents paid to the owners of the ground compare with the license fees as under :—

Mody Bay : fees Rs. 1,300, rents Rs. 7,670 ; Frere Bunder : fees Rs. 3,050, rents Rs. 10,963 ; Flats : fees Rs. 1,050, rents Rs. 4,080.

The Corporation have recently at my instance recast the fee table in a manner which affords complete security against any overcharge, and the change in nomenclature which I ask them to make will merely have the effect of continuing the practice in vogue under their last orders and checkmate the evasion of it. When the suggested alterations are made, the entries in the fee table will read as under :—

Storing for other than domestic use or selling timber—

For a stack occupying 500 sq. ft. or under, Rs. 5 ; ditto from 500 to 1,000 sq. ft., Rs. 10 ; ditto 1,000 to 1,500 sq. ft., Rs. 15 ; ditto 1,500 and over, Rs. 25.

Storing for other than domestic use or selling firewood—

For a stack occupying 1,000 sq. ft. or under, Rs. 10 ; ditto over 1,000 and up to 2,000 sq. ft., Rs. 15 ; ditto over 2,000 to 2,500 sq. ft., Rs. 20 ; ditto over 2,500 sq. ft., Rs. 25.

Storing for other than domestic use, or selling hay, straw and grass—

For a stack not occupying more than 100 sq. ft., Rs. 5 ; ditto ditto 200, Rs. 10 ; ditto ditto 1,000, Rs. 20 ; ditto ditto 2,000, Rs. 25 ; ditto ditto 3,000, Rs. 30 ; ditto ditto over 3,000, Rs. 50.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

" That, with reference to the Corporation Resolutions Nos. 8208 and 12255, dated 14th November 1890 and 16th February 1893, respectively, and as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 1543, dated 24th April 1893, sanction be now given to the following amendments in the schedule of fees charged under section 479 of the Municipal Act III of 1888 for premises used for the purposes mentioned in section 394 of the Act by the insertion therein of the word ' stack ' in place of the word ' space ' in the case of timber and firewood ; and the insertion of the word ' stack ' in place of the words ' occupied area ' in the case of hay, straw and grass. That, as thus amended, the table of fees be read as follows :—

Storing for other than domestic use or selling timber.

For a stack occupying		500 square feet or under	Rs.	5
Do.	do.	from 500 to 1,000 sq. ft.	,,	10
Do.	do.	from 1,000 to 1,500 sq. ft.	,,	15
Do.	do.	1,500 sq. ft. and over	,,	25

Storing for other than domestic use or selling firewood.

For a stack occupying		1,000 square feet or under	Rs.	10
Do.	do.	over 1,000 and up to 2,000 sq. ft.	,,	15
Do.	do.	over 2,000 to 2,500 sq. ft.	,,	20
Do.	do.	over 2,500 sq. ft.	,,	25

Storing for other than domestic use, or selling hay, straw and grass.

For a stack not occupying more than				100	sq. ft.	Rs. 5
Do.	do.	do.		200	„ ... „	10
Do.	do.	do.		1,000	„ ... „	20
Do.	do.	do.		2,000	„ ... „	25
Do.	do.	do.		3,000	„ ... „	30
Do.	do.	do.	over	3,000	„ ... „	50"

Mr. Dinshaw E. Wacha called the attention of the President to the want of a quorum.

The President then adjourned the meeting, and fixed Monday, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 15*th May* 1893.

AT the adjourned Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Corporation (orginally called for the 4th instant, and adjourned from the 8th idem,) held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWAJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE Mr. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADIA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the ACTING SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 8th instant, were signed.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

No. 1526.

"That, with reference to the Corporation resolutions Nos. 8208 and 12255, dated 14th November 1890 and 16th February 1893, respectively, and as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 1543, dated 24th April 1893, sanction be now given to the following amendments in the schedule of fees charged under section 479 of the Municipal Act III of 1888 for premises used for the purposes mentioned in section 394 of the Act by the insertion therein of the word 'stack' in place of the word 'space' in the case of timber and firewood; and the insertion of the word 'stack' in place of

the words 'occupied area' in the case of hay, straw and grass. That, as thus amended, the table of fees be read as follows :—

Storing for other than domestic use or selling timber.

For a stack occupying		500 square feet or under		Rs.	5
Do.	do.	from 500 to 1,000 sq. ft.	...	„	10
Do.	do.	from 1,000 to 1,500 sq. ft.	...	„	15
Do.	do.	1,500 sq. ft. and over	...	„	25

Storing for other than domestic use or selling firewood.

For a stack occupying		1,000 square feet or under		Rs.	10
Do.	do.	over 1,000 and up to 2,000 sq. ft.		„	15
Do.	do.	over 2,000 to 2,500 sq. ft.	...	„	20
Do.	do.	over 2,500 sq. ft.	...	„	25

Storing for other than domestic use or selling hay, straw and grass.

For a stack not occupying more than			100 sq. ft.	...	Rs.	5
Do.	do.	do.	200	„ ...	„	10
Do.	do.	do.	1,000	„ ...	„	20
Do.	do.	do.	2,000	„ ...	„	25
Do.	do.	do.	3,000	„ ...	„	30
Do.	do.	over 3,000	sq. ft.	...	„	50"

Carried.

Read letter No. 1529, dated 22nd ultimo, from the Commissioner, to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—I have the honor to report that I have received a letter from Sir Charles K. Ollivant, K.C.I.E., Political Agent, Kathiawar, enclosing a hundi for Rs. 2,500, the amount of a gift from H. H. the Nawab of Junagad for the construction of a cage at the Victoria Gardens for two lions which His Highness proposes to present to the Victoria Gardens. I have acknowledged His Highness' handsome gift and have no doubt the Corporation will see fit to communicate their thanks to him through Sir Charles K. Ollivant.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Banks, seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 1527. "That the Corporation accept with thanks the present from H. H. the Nawab of Junagad of two Kathiawar lions for the Victoria Gardens as also the handsome gift of Rs. 2,500 for cost of constructing a cage in the gardens for the lions.

"That the President be requested to offer the thanks of the Corporation to His Highness through Sir Charles Ollivant, K.C.I.E., Political Agent, Kathiawar, for the generous assistance thus given towards permanently improving the gardens."

Carried.

In accordance with notice of motion it was proposed by Accacio G. Viegas, Esq.—

No. 1528. "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to report, in consultation with the Health Officer, as to what steps can be taken to minimise the effects of the garbling of grain and seeds on the Port Trust Estate, Mandvi Ward."*

The motion was seconded by Cowasji Pestonji, Esq., and *Carried.*

In accordance with notice of motion, it was—
Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

No. 1529. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 660, dated 19th April 1893, sanction be given to the payment of Rs. 1,247, to meet the cost of constructing the collecting night-soil depôt at Colaba referred to in the Commissioner's letter No. 1247 of 1893-94. The charge to be debited to the surplus of about 4½ lakhs on current revenue for the past year, which have accrued since the publication of the revised estimates for 1892-93."

The motion was seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, and
Carried.

In accordace with notice of motion, it was—
Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

No. 1530. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 746, dated 26th April 1893, sanction be given to the payment of an advance of Rs. 20,125, from available balances of loans and other funds, to provide for the construction of storm-water drains in Dadar Road, Sleater Road, Chikalwadi, space facing the old Municipal office, Clive Road Cross Lane, provided in the Loan Works Budget for the current year (page 77) under the head of storm-water drains. The amount to be adjusted against loan to be raised hereafter."

The motion was seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq., and *Carried.*

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* *Note.*—At the suggestion of the President the following words were added to the motion after the word "report": "in consultation with the Health Officer," and "of grain and seeds" substituted in place of the word "operations."

In accordance with notice of motion, it was—

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 735, dated 26th April 1893, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 7,290, from surplus cash balance, to meet the cost of repointing with Indian patent stone the remaining portions (3,300 square feet) of the inner faces of the outer walls of the Bhandarwada Reservoir Distributing Basin, and of plastering 16,000 square feet of arches, so as to avoid further leakage from the reservoir."

No. 1531.

The motion was seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, and

Carried.

It was agreed that the following notice of motion given by Dinshah Edalji Wacha, Esq., be transferred to the June Meeting :—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to state why Counsel's opinion has not yet been submitted to the Corporation in compliance with resolution No. 9695 passed at its meeting held on 8th December last."

Under the terms of section 36 (*l*) of the Municipal Act, the Commissioner asked the meeting to consider as "urgent" business the following letter on the subject of the taking up from the Trustees of the Parsi Punchayet of 370 square yards or thereabout of land at Gibbs Road, and it was agreed that the same be taken as "urgent business."

Considered letter No. 2400, dated 4th instant, from the Commissioner, to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—With reference to the resolutions of the Corporation Nos. 8412 and 8413, dated 10th November 1892, I have the honour to state that, in order to admit of the construction of a catch-water drain and the laying of 24" water main by the side of Gibbs Road, which it is very desirable to do instead of laying it in the made up ground of Gibbs Road itself, it is necessary to acquire from the Trustees of the Parsi Punchayet a strip of land measuring about 370 square yards. I have negotiated with them for the purchase of the land and they are prepared to sell it on the following conditions :—

That the Municipality shall pay the Trustees compensation for the area required at the rate of Rs. 5 per square yard.

That the Municipality shall at its own cost fence off the land acquired by an iron railing, and shall at its own expense construct a drain for carrying off rain water from the land.

It is most important that the land should be acquired at once and the drain constructed before the break of the monsoon. I therefore request the approval of the Corporation, under section 90 of the Municipal Act, to the acquisition of the land on the terms above set forth.

The cost can be met out of savings in the grant of Rs. 46,200 sanctioned by the Corporation.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 1532.

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner, in his letter No. 2400, dated 4th instant, sanction be given, under section 90 of the Municipal Act, to the taking up, from the Trustees of the Parsi Punchayet, of 370 square yards, or thereabout, of ground at Gibbs Road, on the following conditions, the same being required for the construction of a catch-water drain and the laying of a 24″ water-main by the side of Gibbs Road :—

"That the Municipality shall pay the Trustees compensation for the area required at the rate of Rs. 5 per yard.

"That the Municipality shall at its own cost fence off the land acquired by an iron railing, and shall at its own expense construct a drain for carrying off rain water from the land.

"The cost to be met out of savings in the grant of Rs. 46,200 sanctioned by the Corporation in their resolution No. 8412 of 10th November 1892, for reconstructing a portion of Gibbs Road which has subsided.

"The above sanction is accorded subject to the approval of the Standing Committee, under section 90 (2), to the price therein named for the land to be acquired."

Carried.

Under the terms of section 36 (*l*) of the Municipal Act, the Commissioner asked the meeting to consider as "urgent business" the following letter on the subject of (1) allowing Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. to connect the new Jacob Mill with the 18″ pipe sewer in DeLisle Road and (2) of allowing the G. I. P. Railway to connect their latrines with the same sewer, and it was agreed, by 9 votes *against* 1, that the same be taken as "urgent business."

Read letter No. 2414, dated 14th instant, from the Commissioner, to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—I have the honor to state that, as the G. I. P. Railway Company are desirous of connecting their latrines at Currey Road, and Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. are also desirous of connecting the new Jacob Mill with the 18″ pipe sewer in DeLisle Road, an

estimate of the cost of laying a 9″ pipe sewer in Currey Road, as far as the point B, marked in the accompanying plan, was framed, and Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. were asked whether they would agree to the cost of Rs. 5,620 of laying a 9″ pipe sewer between the points A, B and C marked on the plan being divided equally between them and the Municipality, and to this arrangement they have agreed. The Railway Company were also asked whether they would agree to bear half the cost, *viz.*, Rs. 2,872, of laying the pipe sewer between the points C and D, but no reply has been received. But considering the fact they were intending to connect their latrines by a 6″ pipe at their own expense from C to D, I have no doubt that they will agree to the proposal which is less costly than their original arrangement.

It is necessary to lay the pipe sewer in the portion from A to B, as on the west side of this road there is a considerable number of houses to be connected, and this is a good opportunity to get a part of this pipe sewer laid free of cost.

The total cost of the work is Rs. 8,492, out of which Rs. 2,810 are to be paid by Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., Rs. 1,436 by the G. I. P. Railway Company and Rs. 4,246 by the Municipality.

This arrangement is advantageous to the Municipality and I request the sanction of the Corporation to it. The cost to be borne by the Municipality can be met out of savings in the grant of Rs. 77,603 for the drainage of Parel village.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by G. Lund, Esq., seconded by C. H. Byrne, Esq.—

No. 1533.

"That, with reference to letter No. 2414, dated 4th instant, from the Commissioner, the Corporation approve (1) of the arrangement of allowing Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. to connect the new Jacob Mill with the 18″ pipe sewer in DeLisle Road on payment of half the cost, *viz.*, Rs. 2,810 of constructing a 9″ pipe sewer between the points A, B and C on the plan accompanying the above letter; (2) of allowing the G. I. P. Railway to connect their latrines with the same sewer, provided they pay half the cost, Rs. 1,436, of laying a 9″ pipe sewer between the points C and D indicated on the same plan referred to above; and (3) that sanction be given to the payment of the balance of the cost of constructing the said 9″ pipe sewer Rs. 4,246 from savings in the grant of Rs. 77,603 for the drainage of the Parel village.

"That the Standing Committee be requested to recommend the necessary allotment of funds."

Carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, *5th June* 1893.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation held this day, there were present :—

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, Esq., B.A., LL. B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZULBHAI JAMABHAI LALJEE, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTOOLA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI J. GAMADIA, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHARMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq.; L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the Acting MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 2133. "That George Cotton, Esq., do take the chair."

Carried.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th ultimo, were signed.

Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha invited attention to the fact that the various annexures were not sent out with the Agenda, but were subsequently distributed.

On the application of Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq., it was agreed by 11 votes to 1 vote that precedence be given to item No. 30 on the subject of the construction of Fire Brigade Quarters at Gunbow Street, and to his notice of motion bearing on the same subject.

Considered the following :—

No. 3562 OF 1893-94.

Bombay, 19th May 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to Corporation Resolution No. 1312 of 8th instant, I have the honor to say that the plan of the Fire Engine Station has been revised so as to remove the arcade over Hornby Road footpath, which probably would have caused some obstruction to the circulation of air in Pitha Street. The encroachment which had been placed on what is known as Shapoor Shet's

Chukla on the east had already been removed by a revision of the plan before the matter came before the Corporation.

2. The station, when built, will leave a roadway of 40 feet in width, which is in my opinion ample, especially considering that, before the ground was cleared by the Municipality, the width of road varied from only 9 to 14 feet. The memorialists are wrong in asserting that it was never intended to build on any portion of this ground. On the contrary it was always intended to do so, and a part of it was once, with the sanction of the Corporation, put up to auction and only not sold because the offers received were thought to be inadequate.

The objections on the score that the stable or the noise caused when the Engine is turned out will be a nuisance are, I think, fanciful. The stable will only contain two horses and will be kept perfectly clean as all Fire Brigade Stables are. Many of the most fashionable streets and squares in London and other English cities have Fire Brigade Stations located in them, and, so far from their being objected to, their proximity is always considered an advantage.—I have, &c.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.—

"1. That letter No. 3562, dated 19th May 1893, from the Commissioner, reporting on memorial from Messrs. Sorabjee Hormusjee Bottlewalla, Ardasir Pestonjee Setna, and other residents of Nanabhoy Bomanjee Street, protesting against the erection of new Fire Brigade Station at the entrance to that street, be *recorded*.

"2. That the plans of the Fire Brigade Station in Hornby Row, Fort, be so far altered as to reduce the height of the building to not more than twenty-five feet; that with this view the Municipal Commissioner be requested to instruct the Executive Engineer to provide for the necessary accommodation within this reduced limit; and that, in the event of sufficient accommodation not being possible for all hands, a portion of the Brigade be accommodated in their present or some other rented place in the vicinity of the new station."

The motion was seconded by Meherjibhai R. Setna, Esq.

Mr. Roughton raised the point of order as to whether the motion could be considered, having regard to the fact that the plans and estimates had been already approved by the Corporation and the contract let.

After discussion the Chairman ruled that the motion was in order.

Amendment proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., and seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

No. 2134. "That the second portion of Mr. Kabraji's motion be deleted and the letter No. 3562 of 19th May 1893 from the Commissioner be *recorded*."

With the permission of the Chairman and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Kabraji was allowed to withdraw his motion.

The amendment, which then became the substantive motion, was *carried*.

On the application of G. W. Roughton, Esq., precedence was given to the following notice of motion by him:—

Proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 2135. "1. That a suitable address be presented by the Corporation through the proper channel to H. R. H. the Duke of York upon the occasion of his marriage with the Princess May of Teck.

"2. That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Grattan Geary, Hurkissondas Nurrotumdas, the Hon'ble Fazulbhoy Visram, A. G. Viegas, *G. W. Roughton, Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy, and Javerilal U. Yajnik be appointed to draw up such address.

"3. That the Standing Committee be requested to recommend to the Corporation the provision of such sum as may be necessary to procure a suitable casket to contain the address aforesaid."

The motion was seconded by Hurkissondas Nurrotumdas, Esq., and *carried* unanimously.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq.—

No. 2136. "That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 1152, dated 6th May 1893, to the President from Messrs. H. W. Barrow and J. Leask, reporting that that day, after office hours, they respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Municipal Secretary."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 2137. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, No. 1420, General Department, dated 24th April 1893, from Mr. Under Secretary

*The names of Mr. Roughton, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, and Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik were added on the suggestion of Messrs. Hurkissondas Nurrotumdas and Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar.

Harvey, stating that, under the proviso (clause 3) to section 57 of the Municipal Act, H. E. the Governor in Council is pleased to raise the monthly salary of H. A. Acworth, Esq., I.C.S., Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, to Rs. 3,000 with effect from 1st May 1893."

The Commissioner took the opportunity of conveying to the Corporation his gratitude for the access to his salary which they had granted and which he took as an indication of their appreciation of his services during the past three years.

The motion was *carried.*

Proposed by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 2138. "That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 1742, dated 26th April 1893, from the Commissioner, reporting that Moreshwar Gopal Deshmukh, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC., has been elected a Councillor by H. M.'s Justices of the Peace in place of Colonel W. H. Wilson, resigned."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 2139. "That, in accordance with the terms of section 17 (*b*) of Municipal Act, the Corporation approve of the absence of Thomas Blaney, Esq., President of the Corporation, for a period of three months from 1st June 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 2140. "That, in accordance with the terms of section 17 (*b*) of the Municipal Act, the Corporation approve of the absence of W. C. Hughes, Esq., for a period of three months ending 15th August 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

No. 2141. "That, under the terms of section 17 (*b*) of the Municipal Act, the Corporation approve of the absence of Selim Solomon, Esq., for a period of about 6 months from 1st May 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by Accacio G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, No. 114, Legislative Department, dated 16th May 1893, from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth, stating that H. E. the Right Hon'ble the Governor has been pleased to nominate Mr. P. M. Mehta to be a member of his Council for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations only."

No. 2142.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabrajee, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 1015, dated 3rd May 1893, sanction be given to an advance of Rs. 15,802 out of surplus cash balance for the purchase of the following stoneware pipes in order to keep the stock of pipes in the Drainage Depôts up to its normal quantity, *viz.* :—

No. 2143.

1,000	12″ stoneware plain pipes		2 feet.
4,000	9″	do.	2 do.
1,000	9″	do.	2½ do.
36	12″×9″	do.	T Junctions.
74	9″×9″	do.	do.
24	12″	do.	flaptraps.
998	9″	do.	3 feet.
1,000	4″	do.	bends.

"The advance to be adjusted against sanctioned grants for the works on which the pipes are used or against sale proceeds."

Amendment proposed by Dinshaw E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq.—

"That in the opinion of the Corporation it is neither expedient on the ground of economy nor emergency to continue the wasteful practice of keeping in stock stores of the character of stoneware pipes which are liable to breakage and which besides necessitate a considerable outlay of capital."

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 2 *for* and 9 *against*.

The original motion was *carried* by 15 votes against 1.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

No. 2144. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 734, dated 26th April last, sanction be given to the employment of the following staff for the protection of the new Municipal Office and its contents, *viz.* :—

"*For day duty*—3 janitors on Rs. 12 each, Rs. 36. *For night duty*—2 naiks on Rs. 11 each, Rs. 22 ; 4 night peons on Rs. 9 each, Rs. 36. Total Rs. 94 per mensem. For 11 months, Rs. 1,034 *plus* cost of clothing Rs. 180. Total Rs. 1,214.

"The amount to be met, from the surplus of about Rs. 4½ lakhs, which have accrued on current revenue since the publication of the revised estimates for 1892-93."

First Amendment proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Bhalchundra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That the 3 janitors be omitted from the list."

Second Amendment proposed by Rai Bahadur Lachamansingh, seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

"That the establishment be sanctioned for 6 months only."

On a division, the votes were recorded as under :—

	For	Against.
2nd Amendment	2	8 *Lost.*
1st do.	9	14 *Lost.*
Original motion	13	8 *Carried.*

Shortly after 5 o'clock the meeting adjourned, and the Chairman fixed Monday, the 12th instant, at 3 P.M. for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 12*th June* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 5th instant, and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present:—

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULLA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA,

Esq., L. M. & S.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASSARWANJI WADIA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; R. G. OXENHAM, Esq., M.A.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; S. REBSCH, Esq., ASSOC. M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.
The ACTING MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

George Cotton, Esq., was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th instant were signed.

A letter of apology, dated 10th instant, for non-attendance was received from E. B. Carroll, Esq.

Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., asked the meeting to consider as "urgent business," under section 36 (*l*) of the Act, resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 2193, dated 7th instant, asking sanction to a grant of Rs. 2,850 to meet the cost of a casket and address to be presented to H. R. H. the Duke of York on the occasion of his marriage with the Princess May of Teck.

It was agreed that the resolution be taken as "urgent business."

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 2400. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 2193, dated 7th instant, sanction be given to the payment, from surplus cash balance, of Rs. 2,500 to meet the cost of a suitable casket to contain the address which is to be presented to H. R. H. the Duke of York on the occasion of his marriage with the Princess May of Teck, and Rs. 350 to meet the cost of engrossing and forwarding such address."

Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 2401. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 1577, dated 17th May 1893, sanction be given to the payment of the balance of the cost of constructing the 9″ pipe sewer, referred to in the resolution of the Corporation, No. 1533,

dated 15th idem, Rs. 4,246 from savings in the grant of Rs. 77,603 for the drainage of the Parel village."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

No. 2402. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 1567, dated 17th May last, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 1,950 to meet the cost of erecting a small shed at Bandora to stable the bullocks, as well as a small hut for the Halalkhor and cart-driver, in connection with the latrine erected there. The amount to be met from the sum of about Rs. 4½ lakhs, which have accrued since the publication of the revised estimates for 1892-93."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 2403. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 1572, dated 17th May 1893, sanction be given to the sale of 61·12 square yards of Municipal land at Fergusson Road to Messrs. Kandas Brijvalabhdas, Keshew Dalal, Shivlal Sambhulal Khandvala and Tuljaram Gulabdas Khandvala, at the rate of Rs. 3 per square yard, and to allow all encroachments above 12′ from the ground mentioned in the Commissioner's letter No. 2955 of 11th May 1893 to remain on sufferance on the following conditions:—

"(1) That the parties abovenamed pay to the Municipality the sum of Rs. 1,693-5-0, the party and party costs in the suit brought by the Municipality against Hadji Fateh Mahomed.

"2. That they enter into an agreement to remove the encroachments before mentioned at any time hereafter upon receiving one month's notice so to do, and to pay the rent aforesaid.

"3. That all costs and expenses of the said agreement and of the stamping and registration thereof and of the assignment hereinafter referred to, including the cost of stamping and registration thereof, whether of the said parties or of the Municipality, be paid by the said parties.

"4. The Municipality will execute an assignment of their claim against the said Hadji Fateh Mahomed for the costs aforesaid.

"5. The said agreement and assignment to be prepared by the Municipal Solicitors and to be accompanied, where necessary, by plans."*

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 2237 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *2nd May* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—During the progress of the Tansa works a Post Office was opened at Tansa on 1st March 1886, and on the completion of the Tansa Dam works it was closed by Postal Department on 15th May 1891.

Since then Tansa was served daily from the Shahapore Post Office. For some time there were two village postmen, and a daily service was effected. But owing to a decrease in revenue the services of one man were dispensed with, and from 1st August 1891 Tansa was served every other day by one postman. On the 22nd April 1892 the Post Master General, Bombay, informed me that the postal revenue of Tansa had fallen considerably, and enquired whether the Municipality would, in the interests of the Municipal Establishment at Tansa, prefer to pay the cost of one postman, *viz.*, Rs. 10 per mensem, for an alternate day service.

As there was no necessity for making this arrangement at that time the Post Master General was informed accordingly, and since then Tansa has been served once a week.

Experience has shown that the present arrangement does not meet our requirements, and as the nearest Post Office is at Shahapore, it takes one of our men's time to travel between this place and Tansa.

Besides communications to and from Municipal Offices, he has to carry communications to and from Municipal employés who are entitled to receive favourable consideration when serving in such a district.

A postal service will be reliable, meet our needs for all ordinary purposes, and set at liberty the man who is now employed on postal service for his proper duties.

Under the circumstances, I have the honour to request the sanction of the Corporation, under Section 67 (*b*), to my arranging with the Postal Department for an alternate day service on payment of Rs. 10 per mensem, which can be met out of the Water Works contingent grant.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 2237, dated 2nd May 1893, sanction be given, under

* See Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 17th May 1893.

section 67 (*b*) of the Municipal Act, to his arranging with the Postal Department for an alternate day postal service to Tansa on payment of Rs. 10 per mensem. The charge to be met from the grant for Contingencies, Water Works."

Amendment proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner be requested to inform the Corporation whether it would not be better to engage an extra man on Rs. 10 per mensem, instead of paying the Postal Department the same amount for an alternative day postal service."

No. 2404.

On a division, the *amendment* was *carried* as a substantive proposition, the votes being 23 *for* and 3 *against*.

It was agreed that items Nos. 14 and 15 on the agenda on the subject of providing burial grounds for the Beni-Israel and Mahomedan communities be considered together.

Considered the following :—

No. 3887/A of 1893-94.

Bombay, 25*th May* 1893.

To the MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

Sir,—I have now the honour to reply to Corporation Resolution No. 8921 of 21st November 1892. The exceeding difficulty of the whole question is my excuse, and I think an adequate excuse, for the delay that has elapsed. After the fullest possible investigation and enquiry by the Health Officer and myself, we are unable to find any alternative site for a burial ground excepting that shown on the tracing herewith forwarded. This ground measures 58,195 square yards. Its situation with reference to roads is suitable. Trial pits have been sunk, and it has been ascertained that with 4 or 5 feet of filling with street earth it would be fit for burial purposes. What the cost would exactly be I am unable to report, but a few years ago the Port Trust agreed to part with a small portion of it for a Jew burial ground for Rs. 5 a yard. At this rate the acquisition would cost Rs. 2,90,975. The filling would cost about Rs. 75,000, and a sum of Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 25,000 ought to be added for contingencies. Under this estimate, which is a rough one, the total cost of acquisition would be about Rs. 3,90,975.

2. Provision for the Beni-Israel community can certainly be made on DeLisle Road, and, as they have been pressing me on the subject, I have made a proposal to that effect to the Corporation. But I am distinctly of opinion that DeLisle Road would be unsuitable for a Mahomedan burial ground. If, therefore, it is determined to provide for a Mahomedan burial ground at Tank Bunder or at Mazagon, and if the question is to be settled at once, as in my

humble judgment it ought to be, I do not see the use of moving the Beni-Israelites to DeLisle Road. They can have a plot out of the ground acquired for the Mahomedans as I have all along proposed.

3. The Corporation are thus reduced to one of three alternatives :—

(*a*) The Unjeerbag.
(*b*) The Mount Estate.
(*c*) The ground at Tank Bunder now reported on.

The cost of acquiring and preparing them would be—

(*a*) The Unjeerbag, Rs. 3,75,000.
(*b*) The Mount Estate, Rs. 2,75,000.
(*c*) The ground at Tank Bunder (approximately), Rs.3,90,975.

4. Whatever site be chosen, the Corporation must be prepared for opposition to it, but I cannot too strongly impress on the Corporation the absolute necessity of coming to a decision on the matter. To defer it will enormously increase the expense of final acquisition and possibly put it out of the power of the Corporation to satisfy the just and legitimate demands of the Mahomedan community.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, *Commissioner.*

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

No. 2405. "That the consideration of items Nos. 14 and 15 be postponed till next meeting, and that in the meantime the Commissioner be requested to state in writing his own view of the relative merits of the three sites mentioned in his letter No. 3887-A of 25th May 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

No. 2406. "That, as applied for by the Commissioner, in his letter No. 28262, dated 28th March 1893, and under the circumstances stated therein, sanction be given to the resolution of the Corporation, No. 12256, dated 16th February last, being rescinded."*

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 2029 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *29th April* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—In the village of Tulsi the area belonging to the Corporation is 2,515 acres, of which 350 acres are occupied by the lake and works and 2,165 acres as forest land. There are 4 watchmen

* See pages 31 to 34 of the Proceedings of the Corporation, dated 17th April, and page 60 of ditto ditto, dated 8th May 1893.

employed at the lake, and they live in a chawl near the dam free of rent. Their duties are confined to reporting trespasses and threatened pollution of the lake and taking gaugings of rainfall and height of water in the lake and working the boat (four-oared) when required. The only income derived is about Rs. 40 for the right of removing grass from the edge of the lake.

With the view of entrusting the management of the Tulsi forest to the Forest Department, enquiries were made of the Conservator of Forest, N. C., as to the terms on which the Forest Department would undertake the working of the forest, and the conditions on which the Forest Department is prepared to undertake the management and working of the forest, subject to the sanction of Government, are : that two watchmen out of the four abovementioned be placed under the orders of the Forest Department, which will provide them with Forest Guard's uniforms and equipments. But they will be allowed to assist the remaining two watchmen in the management of the boat and in times of emergency, and continue to live in the same chawl. Our two men will also assist them on similar occasions. That the Divisional Forest Officer has the power of suspending or fining either or both of them, should irregularities in, or neglect of, the work be discovered.

That the Municipality undertake to replace them by better men if they are reported unfit for Forest work.

That no huts be erected within the catchment area, but they may be allowed in that part of the forest in the Kennery valley which is below the lake and catch-water channels.

That one-third of the net proceeds of the forest be given to Government for conservancy and working, which will include a survey and map of the forest, differentiation of the area into blocks and their sub-division into compartments, the preparation of annual coupes for exploitation, treatment for reproduction, management of grazing, &c., &c., and all charges connected therewith.

Considering the area and the present stocking of the forest, a gross average annual revenue of about Rs. 1,600 is estimated to be realized without overworking the forest in any way during the first rotation. But with careful working and protection a constant improvement in the stock will be ensured and the annual revenue will ultimately greatly increase.

The object which I have in view in proposing to place the Tulsi forest in the hands of the Forest Department is not to derive revenue, but to secure the maintenance of the high forest upon the catchment of the Tulsi Lake in a thorough state of efficiency for the safety of the dam, for the preservation of the lake itself and of the interests it supplies, which is of vital importance.

For these reasons it is very desirable to place the forest under the control of the Forest Department, and I request that the Corporation will authorise me to move Government to undertake the management on the terms above referred to.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by W. R. Hamilton, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 2029, dated 27th April 1893, the Corporation approve of the proposal of the Commissioner to place the Tulsi forest under the Forest Department, and authorise him to move Government to undertake its control and management on the terms stated in his above-quoted letter."

Amendment proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 2407. "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to report in greater detail on the subject."

On a division, the amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion by 31 votes *against* 1 vote.

Proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by Captain W. P. Walshe—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner, in his letter

No. 2408. No. 2318, dated 3rd May 1893, sanction be given, under section 269 (4) of the Municipal Act, to the closing of the 'Puran' or 'Mustan' Tank on the south of Bellasis Junction Road, as shown on the tracing submitted."

Amendment proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq.—

"That the matter be referred back to the Commissioner for report as to whether the tank is a nuisance and what the cost of filling it in would amount to."

With the permission of the Chairman and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar was allowed to *withdraw* his amendment.

On a division, the original motion was *lost*, the votes being 9 *for* and 22 *against*.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter

No. 2409. No. 1924, dated 28th April 1893, the Corporation approve, under section 269 (4) of the Municipal Act, to the permanently closing of the old cattle trough at the junction of Argyle Road and Kalian Street, as the Water Engineer reports that it is a very inferior structure in itself and only requires seeing to be abandoned and it is a great obstruction."

On a division, the motion was *lost*, the votes being 7 *for* and 12 *against*.

It was agreed that the following notice of motion from Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., be postponed till next monthly meeting :—

No. 2410. "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to state why counsel's opinion has not yet been submitted to the Corporation in compliance with resolution No. 9695, passed at its meeting held on 8th December last."

Mr. Karsandas Chabildas asked the Chairman to give priority to the notice of motion which stood in the name of Mr. Kaikhosro N. Kabraji on the subject of bringing back all the new furniture into the Council chamber and re-arranging the seats with such modification as may be deemed necessary for the convenience of Councillors.

A point of order was raised as to whether it was competent for a Councillor to ask priority to a motion which stood in the name of another member.

Mr. Kaikhosro N. Kabraji objected to precedence being given to his notice of motion.

The Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta pointed out that, under rule 4 of the rules for the conduct of business, discretion was given to the Chairman either to give priority to any item of business on the list or not.

The Chairman, in the exercise of the discretion given to him by rule 4 of the rules for the conduct of business, decided not to give priority to the motion, as it might be unfair to any Councillor who had a notice of motion on the agenda paper for another Councillor to move priority without the previous knowledge or consent of the Councillor in whose name the motion stood, and who might, therefore, not be prepared to move it were priority granted. Further, no argument had been advanced to show that the question was one of urgency, and, again, it was a matter that could or might be more satisfactorily discussed were the Commissioner present.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

No. 2411. "That the Corporation decide that rent should be charged for the ground occupied by Post boxes within Municipal limits as per undermentioned statement and subject to the condition that the Postal Department will remove any box or boxes at their own expense whenever called upon to do so."

Statement showing the number and position of Post Boxes placed on public roads and footpaths in Bombay.

Serial No.	Name of Ward.	Name of Road.	Value of land in that locality.			Rent proposed to be charged per annum.		
			Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
1	A	Colaba Road, opposite Colaba Library, house No. 365 ...	10	0	0	0	8	0
2	„	Elphinstone Circle, at its junction with Parsee Bazaar Street, house No. 6...	30	0	0	1	8	0
3	„	Custom House Road footpath, at its junction with Green Street, house No. 38-40	30	0	0	1	8	0
4	„	Apollo Street footpath, opposite house No. 81	60	0	0	3	0	0
5	„	Medow Street, opposite house No. 26-28	60	0	0	3	0	0
6	„	Marine Street footpath, near Officers' Mess	50	0	0	2	8	0
7	„	Bazaar Gate Street footpath, at its junction with Gunbow Street, opposite Wadia Fountain	30	0	0	1	8	0
8	„	Frere Road footpath, at its junction with Compta Street.	30	0	0	1	8	0
9	„	Carnac Road footpath, opposite Bible Society's Depôt ...	60	0	0	3	0	0
10	„	Carnac Road footpath, near Crawford Market	25	0	0	1	4	0
11	„	Fort Street footpath, at its junction with Bazaar Gate Street	30	0	0	1	8	0
12	„	Frere Road footpath, house No. 221	30	0	0	1	8	0
13	B	Parel Road footpath, at its junction with Erskine Road...	25	0	0	1	4	0
14	„	Footpath at the junction of Chinch Bunder and Jail Road, east	30	0	0	1	8	0
15	„	Footpath at the north-west corner of Musjid Bridge ...	50	0	0	2	8	0
16	„	Musjid Bandar Road, at its junction with Jackeria Musjid Street.	75	0	0	3	12	0
17	„	Chinch Bundar 1st Row, opposite house Nos. 119—126...	30	0	0	1	8	0
18	„	Bibijan Road, at its junction with Abdul Rehman Street.	75	0	0	3	12	0
19	„	Frere Road footpath, opposite Malet Road	30	0	0	1	8	0
20	„	Tana Street footpath, opposite Prince's Dock	30	0	0	1	8	0
21	„	Frere Road, footpath opposite the South Carnac Bunder gate	30	0	0	1	8	0
22	C	Junction of Duncan Road with Falkland Road, house No. 10	40	0	0	2	0	0
23	„	Cavel Street, opposite house No. 190, near Church ...	60	0	0	3	0	0
24	„	Carnac Road Junction of Kalbadevi Road, near house No. 4	60	0	0	3	0	0
25	„	Lohar Street Junction of Dookur Bazaar and Trinity Street, opposite house No. 2	15	0	0	0	12	0
26	„	Thakurdwar Road Junction of Girgam Road and D Ward	25	0	0	1	4	0
27	„	Fanaswadi, opposite house Nos. 20 and 22	10	0	0	0	8	0
28	„	Girgam Road Junction of Agiary Lane, opposite house Nos. 328 and 330	25	0	0	1	4	0
29	„	Bhuleshwar Road Junction of Panjrapole, opposite house Nos. 229 and 231	50	0	0	2	8	0
30	„	Kalbadevi Road Junction of Bhuleshwar Road, opposite house No. 438	60	0	0	3	0	0
31	„	Sheik Memon Street, opposite house No. 95	75	0	0	3	12	0
32	D	Chowpati Road, at its junction with Gamdevi	12	0	0	0	8	0
33	„	Walkeshwar Road, near Police Chowky	8	0	0	0	8	0
34	„	Nepean Sea Road, opposite Narain Dabholkar Road Junction	5	0	0	0	4	0
35	„	Gowalia Tank Road, at its junction with Nepean Sea Road	5	0	0	0	4	0
35A	„	Junction of Gowalia Tank Road and Pedder Road ...	5	0	0	0	4	0
36	„	Tardeo Road, near the Police Chowky	10	0	0	0	8	0
37	„	Warden Road, near the Swimming Bath	5	0	0	0	4	0
38	„	Gowalia Tank Road, near the Tank	5	0	0	0	4	0
39	„	Grant Road, at its junction with Chunam Kiln Road ...	15	0	0	0	12	0
40	„	Grant Road footpath, at its junction with 12th Khetwady Lane	15	0	0	0	12	0
41	„	Falkland Road footpath, opposite *Golpitha*	20	0	0	1	0	0
42	„	Girgam Back Road, at its junction with Charni Road ...	20	0	0	1	0	0
43	„	Charni Road, at its junction with Girgam Road	20	0	0	1	0	0
44	„	Khetwady Main Road between 7th and 8th Lane ...	10	0	0	0	8	0

Serial No.	Name of Ward.	Name of Road.	Value of land in that locality.	Rent proposed to be charged per annum.
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a p.
45	E	Bellasis Road, near Mustan Tank	15 0 0	0 12 0
46	„	Parel Road, at the junction of Grant Road	25 0 0	1 4 0
47	„	Grant Road, at the junction of Duncan Road	30 0 0	1 8 0
48	„	Ripon Road, opposite Sankli Street	10 0 0	0 8 0
49	„	Haines Road, near New *Dawni*	5 0 0	0 4 0
50	„	DeLisle Road and Haines Road Junction	10 0 0	0 8 0
51	„	DeLisle Road, between Water Works Stores and Sheep Market	5 0 0	0 4 0
52	„	Victoria Road, at junction at Parel Road	25 0 0	1 4 0
53	„	Parel Road, at the north gate of Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute	25 0 0	1 4 0
54	„	Foras Road, at the junction of Falkland Road, near Dharamsalla	10 0 0	0 8 0
55	„	Junction of Kamattipura Bazaar Road with Kamatitpura 8th Street	10 0 0	0 8 0
56	„	Junction of Gunpowder and Coppersmith Roads... ...	10 0 0	0 8 0
57	„	Dockyard Road, near P. & O. compound	10 0 0	0 8 0
58	„	Nowland Street, at the junction of DeLima Street ...	10 0 0	0 8 0
59	F	Parel Tank Road near Kala Chowky	1 0 0	0 4 0
60	„	Junction of Bhoiwada Cross Road and Bhoiwada Road...	1 0 0	0 4 0
61	„	Junction of Parel Village and Parel Tank Road	1 0 0	0 4 0
62	„	Junction of Naigam Road and Naigam Cross Road ...	0 8 0	0 4 0
63	„	Junction of Elphinstone Road and Dadar Road	1 0 0	0 4 0
64	G	Junction of Lady Jamsetji Mahim Bazaar and Mori Roads	0 12 0	0 4 0
65	„	Mahim Bazaar Road, near Scottish Orphanage School ...	0 12 0	0 4 0
66	„	Corner of Elphinstone and Carroll Roads	3 0 0	0 2 5
67	„	Corner of DeLisle and Parbhadevi Roads, near the Dhun Mill ...	Sanctioned, *vide* Corporation Resolution No.13405 of 9th Mar. 1893. 2 0 0	0 1 7
68	„	DeLisle Road, opposite Carroll Road, near Currimbhoy Mill ...	4 0 0	0 3 2
69	„	Fergusson Road, near the Jamshed Mills	3 0 0	0 2 5
			.....	82 1 7

Amendment proposed by W. R. Hamilton, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

"That letter No. 2620, dated 8th May 1893, from the Commissioner, be *recorded*.

"2. That, considering the small amount which would be received from the Postal Department, the Corporation do not think it advisable to demand any rent for ground occupied by Post boxes, and sanction the occupancy of such ground free of rent on the condition that when circumstances arise necessitating the removal of any box or boxes, the Post Office authorities will at once cause the removal of such box or boxes at the expense of Government."

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 5 *for* and 21 *against*.

The original motion was *carried* by 24 votes *against* 5.

Considered the following :—

No. 1469 OF 1893.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, 27*th April* 1893.

To THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., J.P.,
President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed to forward herewith copies of letter from the Accountant-General, No. 0A—34922, dated 30th March 1893, and accompaniments, on the question of amending the financial statements published in the Annual Administration Report of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, and to state that Government have no doubt that the Corporation will give careful consideration to the Accountant-General's criticisms and recommendations.—I have, &c.,

W. L. HARVEY,
Under-Secretary to Government.

No. $\frac{O.A.}{34922}$ OF 1893.

OUTSIDE AUDIT DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY, 30*th March* 1893.

To THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Financial Department, Bombay.

SIR,—I have the honour to return the papers received with your memorandum No. 94, dated 10th January 1893, on the subject of the financial statements published in the Bombay Municipal Administration Report for 1890-91. Some of the difficulties to which I referred in my letter of April last have been explained in the letter of the President of the Corporation and the memo. of the Chief Accountant, but I am still of opinion that my main contentions were just.

2. I see that I misunderstood the entry regarding the profit upon Building and Repair Certificates, but the practice of the Municipal Account Office in such matters does not appear to be uniform, as the full cost of Town-duty Receipt Forms and Tender Forms is entered at pages 114 and 118. It hardly seems worth while to keep a Profit and Loss Account for a few printed forms. It would, I think, be sufficient to keep a Stock Account charging expenditure as a municipal charge and treating recoveries as revenue.

3. There is also an apparent want of uniformity in the matter of interest upon Deposits and Investments, which are not always credited as revenue but are sometimes deducted from expenditure, as at page 133, where the item of Rs. 12,390-2-8 is so deducted. I am still disposed to think that interest derived from investments of money which does not belong to any special fund, such as the Sinking Fund, ought not to be treated as revenue. But even

taking it as a receipt, a comparison with interest payments can easily be made, as will be seen from the Statement A, which accompanies this letter, and to which I shall refer later on.

4. The involved procedure for adjusting the nominal profit on Stock seems to me quite unnecessary. Stock is either purchased for re-issue as in the case of similar or workshop materials, or not for re-issue as in the case of furniture. In the former case it would be simpler to debit the stock account at once, dispensing with the debit entry as expenditure and the credit entry to surplus receipts. In the latter case the price of the Stock might well be charged as expenditure at once. This is the Government system, and it is found convenient. The head of the Department served certifies each year that the Stock on his Stock Account is in his possession, or accounts for losses.

5. The arguments advanced in support of the practice of showing premia upon loans as part of the Municipal liabilities appear to me to be unsound. These premia are not due for repayment to debenture holders, and can, without inconvenience, be treated as revenue. It is true that in the Port Trust Accounts the discount on loans is entered as an asset, but the argument that, if this be correct, it is equally correct to treat premia as liabilities, is not a fair one. The procedure adopted by the Port Trustees was approved by the Auditors, because in their case it was a necessity. Their loans were issued at a loss, but the full face value of the debentures had to be brought upon the books as a liability, because the Trustees were bound to repay it. It was inconvenient, and in fact impossible to charge off the discount at once as expenditure, because it would then have been impossible to apply the revenue of the year in the manner that the Trustees were required to apply it. It was accordingly arranged, to meet this difficulty, that the discount should be held under a Suspense Account, which should be cleared by yearly appropriations from revenue, credited to a Sinking Fund. No similar difficulty exists in the case of the Municipality, and I cannot understand for what reason the President of the Corporation assumes that, unless premia are shown as liabilities, they cannot be utilised for expenditure on works. No analogy can be drawn from the Reserve Funds of Banks and Companies, as these are created by the transfer of a certain portion of the profits of each year to the Reserve Fund.

6. The Chief Accountant's statement in paragraph 4 of his memo. that uncollected revenue is not brought to account seems opposed to his statement made in paragraph 23 and to the accounts. Thus at pages 138 and 139, Rs. 2,114-2-10 are credited and Rs. 8-8-2 debited as commission upon private works. A further debit appears at page 129 for "Loss on account of Private-works, irrecoverable bills sanctioned to be written off, Rs. 6,649-10-6." The Statement of Liabilities shows a balance of Rs. 5,289-6-1 as the receipts for these works, whereas the write-off

entry leads to the conclusion that there was a net loss. The loss on account of irrecoverable bills has not apparently been deducted from the credits but shown as part of the charges.

7. The main contention in my previous letter was that the statements published are too voluminous, and that the figures should be condensed by being shown under suitable major, minor, and detailed heads. The Chief Accountant describes the way in which the present forms came into existence, but little advantage will be gained by discussing their history. The question rather is, whether they are suitable for the purpose for which they are intended, which is the information of the tax-payer, or whether changes will make them more suitable for that purpose. I have advocated, and still advocate, a change on the ground that the statements are not complete, simple, clear or concise. They are not only incomplete, but also so difficult of comprehension as to have completely puzzled experienced Accountants in my office, and I have had to apply for information from the Chief Accounts Office, which has been most readily afforded. With the assistance of information thus furnished, a set of statements has been prepared, which I now submit for consideration, venturing to hope that they will be considered not only by Government, but also by the Corporation to be better suited to accompany the Administration Report than those which I have been asked to criticise.

8. These specimen statements (which have been filled up for 1890-91 as far as the available information has permitted) are more complete than those which have been published; in that they included the transactions of the School Fund and the payments made to the Sinking Fund and the Municipal Building Fire Insurance Fund, which are altogether omitted from the Statements published in the Administration Report. It is, no doubt, convenient to keep a separate account of the School Fund, but Section 120 of the Municipal Act requires that the part of Municipal revenues spent on education shall be credited to a separate heading in the Municipal Accounts. It therefore seems necessary to incorporate these transactions in the general accounts at least once a year. Information as to how the Educational grant was spent is given in the Municipal Commissioner's report at page 37, but it finds a place neither in Statement No. 3, where by law it should be, nor in the Joint-School Committee's report, where the public would probably next look for it. The law also requires that, when a Sinking Fund is created, it shall be set apart and used only for repayment of loans. I do not for a moment imagine that sums due to the Sinking Fund have been misapplied, but the published accounts do not make it clear that they have been properly applied. In 1890-91 the Municipality paid Rs. 37,775 to the Sinking Fund and received Rs. 12,402 as interest due to it. The latter sum has been entered as ordinary revenue, and the former does not appear as a separate item (because there is no separate head under which it could have been taken), but is

included in the item of Rs. 1,51,229-9-9 at page 141 of the report. The Corporation must naturally desire to make the transactions with regard to this Fund as clear as possible. Its position is explained at page 12 of the Municipal Commissioner's report, but it ought also, I think, to be exhibited in the Financial Statements.

9. The Statements which have been drawn up in my office have, for conciseness and simplicity, been condensed from the Statements as published, the figures being re-arranged as far as the information available has permitted. Statement A shows, in accordance with Sections 118, 120 and 121 of the Act, the Municipal revenue and expenditure under major heads only, and gives the surpluses of the year in the General, Water-works, and School Funds. Statement B shows the same expenditure under major, minor and detailed heads, and also includes those transactions of the year which do not affect Municipal revenue, such as Debt, Deposit and Advances. As Appendices to Statement B, there are two Schedules only partially filled in for (*a*) New works constructed out of revenue and (*b*) Loan works. As it seems to me desirable that the actual sums spent shall be capable of comparison with the sanctioned grants, the details are given separately. These Schedules also show the balances of loans which are unexpended, and will, I consider, serve a very useful purpose.

10. No balance sheet accompanies the report for 1890-91, though such a statement is, in my opinion, essential. Such a balance sheet is to be found in Statement C, which has been drawn up on the supposition that the figures in the Assets and Liabilities Statement of the report are correct. Necessary additions have been made and the figures have been re-arranged so as to show the true position of the Municipality. The note to the closing debit entry refers the tax-payer to the works, which represent the money spent in excess of the ordinary revenue of past years.

11. The fuller examination of the accounts, which has been made since the present reference from Government was received, has disclosed some other matters which appear open to criticism, but I shall not refer to them. If the forms of statement which I propose are approved and adopted, the mistakes which seem to me to have been committed will disappear. A considerable amount of pains has been taken to show as clearly as possible what seems to my office the most appropriate manner of representing to the public the Municipal transactions of the year, and I trust that I have not given cause for the Corporation to imagine that the work has been carried out in an unfriendly spirit. My sole desire has been to give them the benefit of the experience of a Department of Government which has a large experience with public accounts.—I have, &c.,

A. F. COX,
Accountant-General.

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MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

Revenue Account for the year 1890-91.

Revenue.	General Fund.	Water works Fund.	School Fund.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—General Tax	16,90,277	..	..	16,90,277
II.—Water-rate	..	9,96,501	..	9,96,501
III.—Halalkhor Cess	5,27,222	..	..	5,27,222
IV.—Wheel-Tax	3,44,248	..	..	3,44,248
V.—Tolls	12,400	..	..	12,400
VI.—Town Duties	11,59,804	..	..	11,59,804
VII.—Licenses	2,04,202	..	..	2,04,202
VIII.—Interest	1,45,621	12,390	..	1,58,011
IX.—Education	..	..	46,050	46,050
X.—Markets	3,29,276	..	..	3,29,276
XI.—Gardens	30,372	..	..	30,372
XII.—Public Health and Sanitation.	1,03,672	..	..	1,03,672
XIII.—Public Works	35,138	1,13,836	..	1,48,974
XIV.—Tramway Rent	36,192	..	..	36,192
XV.—Contributions for Pensions ..	14,820	..	..	14,820
XVI.—Miscellaneous	1,04,318	55,853	..	1,60,171
Total Revenue ..	47,37,562	11,78,580	46,050	59,62,192

Expenditure.	General Fund.	Water-works Fund.	School Fund.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. General Administration	1,86,952	22,775	..	2,09,727
2. Assessment and Collection ..	1,98,117	25,737	..	2,23,854
3. Interest	3,97,175	7,78,568	..	11,75,743
4. Education	59,217	..	42,361	1,01,578
5. Fire Brigade	1,29,291	..	..	1,29,291
6. Police	2,58,285	..	..	2,58,285
7. Gardens and Museum	97,233	..	..	97,233
8. Public Health and Sanitation ..	13,42,362	..	..	13,42,362
9. Public Works	13,95,305	1,90,133	..	15,85,438
10. Pensions and Gratuities	32,117	..	..	32,117
11. Miscellaneous	42,102	..	..	42,102
12. Reduction of debt	1,24,922	2,05,353	..	3,30,275
Total Expenditure chargeable to revenue.	42,63,078	12,22,566	42,361	55,28,005
* Surplus †	*+4,74,484	†—43,986	*+3,689	*+4,34,187
† Deficit—				
	47,37,562	11,78,580	46,050	59,62,192

J. C. E. BRANSON,

for *Accountant-General.*

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That Government letter No. 1469, General Department, dated 27th April 1893, from Mr. Under-Secretary Harvey, be referred to the Standing Committee for report in consultation with the Municipal Commissioner, in accordance with section 123 of the Act."

No. 2412.

Carried.

The meeting then adjourned, and the Chairman fixed Monday, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 19*th June* 1893.

AT the adjourned Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 5th instant, and adjourned from the 12th idem), held this day, there were present :—

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COLONEL S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq., J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq., GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.,; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJEE KAMA, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.,; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M. D., B. A., B. SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NAVROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDASS, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the ACTING SECRETARY.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That George Cotton, Esq., do take the chair."

Carried.

On the question of signing the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th instant, the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta pointed out the omission of the words "and that sanction be given as asked for" in resolution No. 2411, between the words "limits" and "as."

The necessary correction was made and the minutes were then signed.

Considered the following :—

No. 1535 OF 1893.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, *1st May* 1893.

To THOMAS BLANEY, ESQ., J. P.,
President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 13668, dated 20th March 1893, I am directed to inform you that the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs has been instructed to draft a Bill to amend section 521 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888.—I have &c.,

G. W. VIDAL,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

"Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, No. 1535, General Department, dated 1st May 1893, from Mr. Acting Chief Secretary Vidal, stating that the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs has been instructed to draft a Bill to amend section 521 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888."

No. 2613.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 1677 OF 1893.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, *1st May* 1893.

To THOMAS BLANEY, Esq.,
President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed to forward herewith for the information of the Corporation a copy of the Resolution of the Government of India, Home Department (Public), No. $\frac{7 \text{ Pub.}}{407\text{-}419}$, dated 30th March 1893, on the subject of the proposal to frame an Act making it legal for local bodies to grant proportionate pensions in cases of mixed Local and Government services.—I have, &c.,

W. L. HARVEY, Under Secretary to Government.

No. 7 $\frac{\text{Pub.}}{407\text{-}419}$

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public) under date Calcutta, the 30th March 1893.

Read—

Home Department Circular letter to Local Governments and Administrations, No. 24-Public—1605-1614, dated 2nd October 1891.

Letter from the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 835, dated 12th February 1892.

Letter to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 1285, dated 24th March 1892.

Letter to other Local Governments and Administrations, No. 8-Public—1276-1284, dated 24th March 1892.

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 635, dated 16th June 1892.

Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 4903, dated 10th December 1892, and enclosures.

Letters from the Government of Bengal, No. 262 and 1176-M., dated, respectively, 26th January 1892 and 22nd April 1892.

Letter from the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 2512, dated 27th April 1892, and enclosure.

Letter from the Government of the Punjab, Nos 216 and 787, dated, respectively, 28th January 1892 and 14th April 1892.

Letters from the Chief Commissioner of Burma, Nos. 384—2 P.-2 and 299—2 P.-2, dated, respectively, 19th February 1892 and 19th April 1892.

Letters from the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, Nos. 192—636 and 2599, dated, respectively, 12th January 1892 and 25th April 1892.

Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Assam, No. 3282-J., dated 23rd July 1892.

Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, No. 1092—163-91, dated 11th July 1892.

Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad, No. 223, dated 1st August 1892, and enclosure.

RESOLUTION.

In Home Department Circular letter of the 2nd October 1891, the attention of Local Governments and Administrations was drawn to the fact that, if a Municipal servant is transferred to Government service, there is no legislative authority for the Municipality undertaking to pay their share of his pension according to the rule of proportions, when he finally retires from Government service; and, similarly, when a Government servant is transferred to Municipal service, that there is no authority for the Municipality paying him their share of the pension calculated on the whole service according to the rules of the Civil Service Regulations. The opinion of Local Governments and Administrations was invited on the following points:—

(1) Whether an Act should be passed on the lines of 23 and 24 Victoria, Chapter 89, providing for cases of mixed Municipal and Government service when the Municipal service counts for pension.

(2) Whether the proposed legislation should not extend to other local services counting for pension.

(3) Whether such legislation should not take the form of removing or modifying such restrictions as are imposed by the present law on local bodies in the matter of granting pension.

2. In a subsequent communication, dated the 24th March 1892, it was explained, with reference to the inquiry made in the Circular of 2nd October 1891, that it was not in contemplation to treat service paid from Excluded Local Funds as pensionable in cases in which it would not otherwise be pensionable, or to alter the substantive pension rules in any way, and that the object of the proposed legislation was merely to secure that, in cases in which an officer is transferred from pensionable Local Fund service to pensionable service under Government (or *vice versâ*), the Local Body or the authority administering the fund should be authorized by law, when the officer finally retires from service, to pay a share of his pension calculated on his whole service under the rules of the Civil Service Regulations.

3. The replies received to the Circular of 2nd October 1891 shew that the Local Governments and Administrations are almost unanimous in their opinion that there is no necessity for undertaking any legislation on the subject; and the Governor General in Council, after carefully considering the question, has come to the conclusion that the cases to which the proposed legislation would be applicable are very rare, and that no general legislation is at present called for to provide for them. His Excellency in Council, however, is of opinion that whenever any Act containing provisions for granting pensions to officers under a Municipality or a Local Body next comes under amendment, the opportunity should be taken to consider whether it gives power to the Municipality or Local Body concerned to undertake a liability for a proportionate pension in cases of the kind referred to; and, if not, how this power can best be given.

4. The Governor General in Council also takes this occasion to impress upon the Local Governments and Administrations that in the very rare cases in which it is considered desirable to transfer an officer already earning pension under a Municipality or a Local Body to service under Government, care should be taken beforehand to settle the liability for his pension with reference to the law under which he is earning his pension and to the statutory powers of his employers.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all the Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance, and that a copy be forwarded to the Department of Finance and Commerce and the Legislative Department for information (in continuation of endorsement No. 1285A, dated the 24th March 1892).

To Financial Department only.

(True Extract.)

C. J. LYALL,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, No. 1677, Financial Department, dated 1st May 1893, from Mr. Under-Secretary Harvey, forwarding Resolution of the Government of India, No. $\frac{7 \text{ Pub.}}{407\text{-}419}$, Home Department (Public), dated 30th March 1893, on the subject of the proposal to frame an Act making it legal for local bodies to grant proportionate pensions in cases of mixed, local and Government service."

No. 2614.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 953 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 22*nd April* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—With reference to your No. 6282, dated 22nd June 1892, I have the honor to report that the question as to whether it is necessary to provide carriage roads with a stone-packing has been discussed at great length by eminent Road Engineers both in Europe and in India. It is a case which is known among Engineers as the Macadam *versus* the Telfold System of Road-making. In England these two systems have their partisans, one party claiming the superiority for the road covering of stone metal only, as brought into vogue by Macadam, whilst the other giving preference to the plan pursued by Telford in the great national roads constructed in Great Britain within about the same period.

2. The advantages and disadvantages of the sub-pavement or "bottoming" as it is called which forms the characteristic difference between Macadam and Telford Systems have been fully discussed. It is alleged against the Macadam roads that, in compressible soils like clay, the wheels of a loaded cart force the stones into the earth, that in wet weather the clay rises up into the voids between the stone metal, thereby preventing the consolidation of the road covering, and that there is a considerable movement, and therefore wear and tear due to the elasticity of the road bed. On the other hand it is claimed by the partisans of the Macadam System that the evils complained of against that system do not exist, that under the Telford System the metal wears away much more rapidly between the wheels of the loaded vehicles above, and the unyielding bottoming below than when the road covering is laid directly on the earth, and that generally a soft and elastic bottom is superior to a hard and non-yielding one.

3. The subject of road-making had a few years ago excited renewed interest and discussion amongst the French Engineers also,

and the conclusion drawn from experience there, is that a covering of stone metal alone is sufficient under the heaviest traffic and for the most frequented roads. Some of the French Engineers recommend that in very clayey soils either a paved bottoming after the Telford System be resorted to or that the soil be well compressed before placing the metal.

4. General H. St. Clair Wilkins, R. E., an officer who had considerable experience in road-making in this Presidency, states as follows in his book on Mountain Roads :—

"The paved road system of Mr. Telford is now almost exploded. It consisted of laying a rough pavement on the top of the formation surface over which the covering materials were laid. The system may commend itself perhaps where stone suitable for the purpose is plentiful, but it is now known that good roads without the disadvantages of the paving system are to be obtained by giving the covering material a certain thickness, whether of Macadam's metal or broken stone or of stone of a less degree of hardness.

"The paving system as applied to the formation surface of a road has been found unsatisfactory. The stones work up through the covering material, which in time seems to sink through the paving into the sub-soil. The covering material has then to be renewed to a considerable thickness to restore the road surface."

5. I submit a statement, marked A, of the roads in this City treated with the packing method. In the column of remarks the result of such treatment is given as reported to me by the Chief Inspector of Roads.

6. My own humble opinion is that, in cases of roads constructed a long time ago, the surfaces of which have been subjected to long continued or heavy traffic, I am not in favor of taking up the road material and putting in a new bottom. In such cases the best thing is to put a good thick layer of metal and well consolidate it.

7. In cases of new roads to be built on soft or compressible soils, or newly reclaimed ground, such as the Elphinstone Estate or Chowpatty ground, where the land has been recently reclaimed from the sea, stone-packing is essential and should be insisted on. Packing or bottoming is unnecessary in cases of new roads on hard incompressible soils.—I have, &c.,

M. C. MURZBAN,
Executive Engineer.

A

Statement of Roads packed during the last three years.

No.	Roads.	1890-91.		1891-92.		1892-93.		No.	Remarks.
		Length. feet.	Breadth feet.	Length feet.	Breadth feet.	Length feet.	Breadth feet.		
1	Church Gate Street...	...	...	450	30	...	...	1	Was in a very bad order. Since packing it is in good order, having stood one rains.
2	Elphinstone Circle...	...	...	...	...	1,445	56	2	Was in a very bad order. Since packing it is in good order, but is not yet tested by rains.
3	New Road at Municipal Offices ...	...	...	...	...	440	40	3	A new street. It is not used by the public sufficiently long to arrive at a conclusion.
4	Oomerkhadi	...	...	300	26	...	...	4	8 and 11. These roads were raised from 1′ 0″ to 2′ 6″; while raising them the roads were packed. The packing has stood well.
5	Argyll Road	...	...	...	...	800	40	5	Was in a very bad state. Portions of Argyll Road which have been carefully packed are in order.
6	Morland Road	...	...	770	27	...	...	6	Stood two rains. Portions of this road were flooded in the rains. The road surface has stood well.
7	Parel Road (at Messrs. Richardson & Cruddas Works)	...	...	...	...	400	14	7	A water-logged subsoil. Was continually requiring repairs. Since packing the surface has stood well.
8	Sankli Street	...	...	...	...	140	12	8	
9	Tank Cross Street	...	...	...	...	254	20	9	Was always a muddy street. Since packing the road surface is in order.
10	Sewri New Road	3,600	40	...	...	...	...	10	New street. The road surface has not sunk.
11	Currey Road	...	...	...	...	340	40	11	
12	Junction Road (Mahalakshmi) ...	1,485	36	...	...	...	...	12	New street. The road surface has not sunk.
13	Gowalia Tank Road	...	...	...	...	605	18′-5″	13	The set-back land at the junction of Gowalia Tank Road and Tardeo Road. It was recently packed.

M. C. MURZBAN,
Executive Engineer.

No. 1677 OF 25*th April* 1893.

Copy forwarded to the Municipal Secretary with reference to Corporation Resolution No. 2488 of 16th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Municipal Commissioner.

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Dominick A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 1677, dated 25th April 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding letter No. 953, dated 22nd idem, from the Executive Engineer, reporting on the question of road making."

No. 2615.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 1641.

CALCUTTA, *the 4th May* 1893.

TO THE CHAIRMAN,
Bombay Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—I am desired to forward, for your information, a memorandum recorded by the Director-General, on the subject of the discontinuance of the practice of defacing postage labels by means of rubber stamps or by writing or marks, and to request that you will favor him with an expression of your views on the subject.—I have, &c.,

G. J. HYNES,
Deputy Director-General.

MEMORANDUM.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE POST OFFICES OF INDIA.

CALCUTTA, *the 3rd May* 1893.

For many years past the public in this country have been allowed to deface postage labels on letters or other articles before they are posted, by marking them with a pen or writing upon them, and at one time this practice may be said to have been encouraged by the Post Office.

2. This has led, by a natural extension, to the use of rubber stamps by certain sections of the public for the same purpose, and in some cases to the printing of names or initial letters upon postage labels. The former practice has been hitherto recognized by the Post Office, but the use of printing has always been discountenanced whenever a reference on the subject has been made to the Director-General, as tending to render it more difficult for postal officials to maintain a proper check against the employment of previously used labels for paying postage.

3. This use of rubber stamps has largely increased of late, and the practical results of the action on the part of the public in defacing postage labels has been made the subject of a special enquiry. Hundreds of covers with the postage labels defaced by means of rubber stamps have been collected from all parts of the country, and an examination of these covers and the reports on the case have shown conclusively that the present practice of using rubber stamps constitutes a very serious interference with the work of the Post Office. These stamps are of various kinds, but in the great majority of cases they consist of a circular or oval border with the name of a firm running round it, and the place of business or other information, extending at times to a number of closely packed words, occupying the centre, while occasionally the date, or a coat of arms or other design (in one instance a railway engine) is added. The ink most commonly in vogue is of a violet colour, but red and black ink are also used, the last-named colour being open to special objections. The impressions as a general rule are heavy, they have a tendency to become smudged as they fall across the damp postage labels, and they occupy so much of the surface of these labels that the process of examining the latter with a view to see whether they have been previously used is seriously retarded, especially at night-time, and in many instances rendered quite impossible. The effect of this has been to induce neglect of an important check against frauds on postal revenue; within the last year several cases have been discovered in which the fraudulent employment of previously used postage labels had been attempted under cover of the impressions of rubber stamps, and there is reason to believe that other cases of a similar kind have escaped notice. It has also to be said that postal enquiries are frequently defeated because post-marks are found to be absolutely undecipherable owing to the existence of these rubber stamp impressions. It seems quite clear, therefore, that the use of rubber stamps for the purpose of defacing postage labels cannot be allowed to continue.

4. The further question has then to be considered whether the practice of marking postage labels with a pen or of writing upon them may still remain in force. The mere stroke of a pen across a postage label or the writing of a date in figures may not constitute any real interference with the check to be exercised by postal officials; but if marking or writing is to be permitted at all it is a matter of practical difficulty to fix any limits as to the extent to which it may be carried, especially when it is remembered that the Post Office is used by every class of the community. The late enquiry has shown that in some number of cases marking with a pen extends to the covering of the whole surface of a postage label with a checker-work in ink, that the words "stamped" and "paid" can be written (in one instance the latter word had been written three times over on the same stamp), so as to almost obliterate a postage label, and that initials and dates can grow, especially in the

case of Natives of the country, into long entries. The marking of postage labels is, of course, no complete protection against their removal, as a marked label can be used on another letter with impunity so far as the Post Office is concerned, but it is probable that it operates to some extent as a check against petty thefts by servants and others, as when labels have once been marked they will not command, it may be thought, so ready a sale as unmarked ones, at any rate, among honest people, though we have had experience of their being publicly sold.

5. One other matter should perhaps be referred to. The adhesive property of the gum on postage labels of certain denominations received from England a few years back was undoubtedly defective, though it is hoped that this is now becoming a thing of the past, and there seems to be a belief abroad that making a mark across postage labels after they have been affixed to a cover may prevent the person addressed from being charged with double postage should the labels become detached. No doubt in cases in which it could be clearly shown that the postage labels had come off in transit after a letter or other article had been accepted as prepaid at the office of posting, the charge for postage due would not be made or would be refunded on a representation of the facts. But the proof to be looked to would not be the marks made by the sender, but by the obliterator at the office where the article was posted. Experience, however, has shown that even in the past these cases have been exceedingly few, and it is believed that this point is not of any real importance in deciding the present question.

6. In the interests of the Post Office it is desirable that the system of marking labels should be altogether given up. The universal rule in other countries appears to be, not to recognize in payment of postage any postage label that has been marked in any way before the letter or other article to which it may be affixed was posted, and the difficulty of finding any safe ground short of this position has already been dwelt upon. If the system should be given up, it will be possible to introduce the principle of a unified stamp, with its undoubted advantages both to Government and the public, for revenue purposes as well as postal purposes. The matter, however, requires the fullest consideration. The Post Office in India has always endeavoured to adapt its rules, so far as these can fairly be done, to the special conditions of this country, and the views of the Chambers of Commerce and other public bodies should be obtained on the subject, so that every argument as to the public convenience in the matter shall receive full attention. If marking by the public should be prohibited, perforation would be allowed as in the case of the rules of the United Kingdom and other countries.

7. It should be added that if it should be decided to put a stop to the practice of marking postage labels as well as to the use of rubber stamps for defacing them, the fullest publicity will be given

to the orders to be issued and a reasonable period allowed before they are brought into force so that inconvenience may as far as possible be prevented. It will also be provided that the orders should be enforced at first with great discretion.

8. The statement below shows the extent to which the use of rubber stamps and the practice of marking postage labels is carried at certain selected places and will be found of interest. It is founded on an actual examination of all the articles posted at the places named for a period of a week. It may be said generally that the practice of marking postage labels is much more common among Europeans than among Natives of the country, though it has to be remembered that the latter chiefly use post cards and embossed envelopes for their correspondence, with regard to which the question of marking does not arise—

Names of Offices.	Percentage of covers with labels defaced by rubber stamps.	Percentage of covers with labels defaced otherwise than by rubber stamps	Total percentage of covers with defaced labels.	Percentage of covers with undefaced labels.
Calcutta	18·3	13·6	31·9	68·1
Howrah	8·9	34·7	43·6	56·4
Darjeeling	6·4	34·5	40·9	59·1
Arrah				
Dinapore	5·7	25·5	31·2	68·8
Gaya				
Mozafferpore				
Madras	33·6	16·3	49·9	50·1
Bangalore	1·4	8·4	9·8	90·2
Ootacamund	8·7	20·2	28·9	71·1
Hyderabad	4·8	0·9	5·7	94·3
Ahmedabad	1·16	1·50	2·66	97·34
Bombay	20·96	15·40	36·36	63·64
Poona	4 01	49·57	53·58	46·42
Surat	0·03	4·43	4·46	95·54
Baroda	0·41	1·38	1·79	98·21
Allahabad	5·12	6·04	11·16	88·84
Cawnpore	11·16	4·84	16·00	84·00
Naini Tal	21·66	55·05	76·71	23·29
Simla	20·37	18·63	39·00	61·00
Delhi	5·16	4·01	9·17	90·83

Proposed by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdula Kur, Esq.—

No. 2616. "That, the figures quoted by the Director-General show that the practice of defacing postage labels is very wide-spread, and will no doubt increase, but the Corporation, while admitting that the custom interferes to a certain extent with the work of the Post Office, see no valid reason why it should be altogether prohibited, the drawing of a line in ink across the stamp and envelope

or wrapper might be permitted, and all other means of defacement prohibited. The cancelling of stamps does, no doubt, afford protection against petty pilfering, and, so long as the revenues of the Post Office are not affected, the public may be permitted to continue what is a practice of long standing.

"That the Deputy Director-General be informed accordingly."

Amendment proposed by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh, seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That, in reply to letter No. 1641, dated 4th May 1893, the Deputy Director-General of the Post Offices of India be informed that, in view of the serious interference with the work of the Postal Department, which is very clearly set forth in the memo. of the Director-General, the Corporation see no valid reason why the practice of defacing postage labels should not be prohibited."

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 2 *for* and 17 *against*.

The original motion was *carried* by 24 votes, *against* 2.

Considered the following :—

Monthly Return of Patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, for the month of April 1893.

No.	Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	RESULT.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	10	23	33	12	13	8	33
2	Chicken-pox	5	7	12	12	...	...	12
3	Measles	1	2	3	2	...	1	3
4	Cholera	...	9	9	2	7	...	9
	Total ...	16	41	57	28	20	9	57

1*st May* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 4401 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *8th May* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner for information.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 2972 OF 12*th May* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of the 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Memorandum No. 2972, dated 12th May 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding return of patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road, during the month of April 1893."

No. 2617.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 2398 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *2nd May* 1893.

TO THE COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith the quarterly statement as per Corporation Resolution No. 1270 of 1887-88, for the quarter ending 31st March 1893.—I have, &c.,

R. P. BRUNTON,
Assessor and Collector.

Quarterly Statement, as per Corporation's Resolution No. 1270 *of* 1887-88, *for the Quarter ending* 31*st March* 1893.

Ward.	No. of new properties assessed during the quarter with the total amount of assessment fixed for the same.		No. of previously existing properties, the assessments of which have been increased during the quarter, and the total amount of the increased assessments.		No. of previously existing properties, the assessments of which have been reduced during the quarter, and the total amount of the reduced assessments.		Remarks.
	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
A.....	18	32,989	°9	92,599	26	25,244	°This includes 4 properties formerly assessed as land, now built upon.
B.....	6	1,296	°12	14,861	24	10,028	° Do. 10 do. do.
C.....	4	1,812	°21	15,933	28	6,651	° Do. 15 do. do.
D.....	15	7,691	°14	5,975	23	8,124	° Do. 9 do. do.
E.....	11	4,259	°13	8,777	22	3,226	° Do. 10 do. do.
F.....	2	3,120	°10	2,326	19	870	° Do. 2 do. do.
G.....	10	1,040	°8	1,967	17	897	° Do. 3 do. do.
Total...	66	52,207	87	1,42,438	159	55,040	

R. P. BRUNTON,
Assessor and Collector.

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No. 2374 OF *4th May* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for the information of the Corporation.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 2374, dated 4th May 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding statement of properties assessed, &c., for the quarter ending 31st March 1893."

No. 2618.

Carried.

Read letter, dated 6th May 1893, from Mr. Framji Adarji, making certain statements regarding the sewerage of Colaba?

Proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Banks—

"That the meeting pass on to the next business."

Amendment proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That the letter from Mr. Adarji be *recorded*."

No. 2619.

On a division, the amendment was *carried* as a substantive proposition by 13 votes, *against* 3.

Proposed by Grattan Geary, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdula Kur, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 143, dated 22nd May 1893, from the Secretary, Joint Schools' Committee, to the Municipal Secretary, stating that a sum of Rs. 650 was provided in the School Fund Budget for the year 1892-93 for the construction of a privy and urinal at the Kamathipura Girls' School ; that the amount was not expended during the year on account of certain objections being raised by the Kamathi Punchayet ; and that the sum has, therefore, been transferred to the Budget for the current year. The opening balance on the 1st April 1893, which was shown in the School Fund Budget to be Rs. 19,101, will accordingly be reduced, on account of the transfer, to Rs. 18,451."

No. 2620.

Carried.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq., seconded by Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Banks—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to bring back, in consultation with the Executive Engineer

and the architect, all the new furniture in the Council Chambers, including the desks and the dais, and to re-arrange the seats with such modifications as may be deemed necessary for the convenience of the Councillors, reserving at the same time such space as may be available for the due admission of the outside public into the Hall."

On a division, the motion was *lost*, the votes being 11 *for* and 27 *against*.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Banks, seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner be requested to report on the condition of the zoological collection in the Victoria Gardens with a view to the improvement of the same."

No. 2622.

Carried.

On the application of A. G. Viegas, Esq., priority was given to his notice of motion on the subject of the flooding, during the monsoon, of the Bhuleshwar Road and the Bhoiwada Lanes.

Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to take the necessary measures, as early as possible, to prevent the flooding, during the monsoon, of the Bhuleshwar Road and the Bhoiwada Lanes, and the Standing Committee to provide for the necessary expenditure should there be no available grant for the work."

Amendment proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Dominick A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That the attention of the Commissioner be called to the state of Bhuleshwar Road and Bhoiwada Lanes during the rains with a view to his taking such steps as are possible to improve their condition."

No. 2623.

With the permission of the Chairman and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Viegas was allowed to withdraw his motion.

The amendment, which then became the substantive proposition, was *carried*.

The meeting then adjourned, and the Chairman fixed Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 22*nd June* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 5th instant, and adjourned from the 19th idem), held this day, there were present :—

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. S. O.'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHOY JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULLA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIA-SHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; MIRZA HOOSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; PRANJIVANDAS KALLIANDAS, Esq.; S. REBSCH, Esq., ASSOC. M.I.C.E.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner ; and the ACTING SECRETARY.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That George Cotton, Esq., do take the chair."

Carried.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th instant were signed.

In accordance with notice it was—

Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That, as it appears there is no obligatory standard of weight or measure in the City of Bombay, and that therefore no penalty can attach to any amount of discrepancy between weights and measures used in trade and the Municipal standard weights and measures, the Corporation are of opinion that it is most desirable to fix by law what the local standard of weights and measures are to be ; that in case Government should not be pleased to concur in this opinion, the Corporation must strongly urge on the attention of H. E. the Governor in Council, that an Act should be passed amending Sections 418-420 of Bombay Act III of 1888 by the addition of provisions somewhat similar to those contained in Section 17 of Act 48 of 1860 (Government of India) and in Bombay Act IV of 1882, *viz* , making divergence from the Municipal standards penal."

The motion was seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.

Amendment, proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

"That the consideration of Mr. Viegas's motion be postponed until such time as the Municipal Commissioner may bring forward such amendments of the Municipal Act as he considers necessary.

"2. That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit such amendments within the next three months."*

On the suggestion of the Commissioner the following rider was accepted by Mr. Viegas :—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit to the Corporation a report of such amendments of the Act as he deems necessary as soon as practicable."

With the permission of the Chairman, and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Wacha was allowed to withdraw his amendment.

The motion was then *carried* as follows :—

"That, as it appears there is no obligatory standard of weight or measure in the City of Bombay, and that therefore no penalty can attach to any amount of discrepancy between weights and measures used in trade and the Municipal standard weights and measures, the Corporation are of opinion that it is most desirable to fix by law what the local standard of weights and measures are to be ; that in case Government should not be pleased to concur in this opinion the Corporation must strongly urge on the attention of H. E. the Governor in Council that an Act should be passed amending Sections 418-420 of Bombay Act III of 1888 by the addition of provisions somewhat similar to those contained in Section 17 of Act 48 of 1860 (Government of India) and in Bombay Act IV of 1882, *viz.*, making divergence from the Municipal standards penal.

No. 2840.

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit to the Corporation a report of such amendments of the Act as he deems necessary as soon as practicable."

Considered the following :—

No. 3863 OF 1893-94.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

BOMBAY, 25*th May* 1893.

SIR,—I have the honour to state that, as Mr. Murzban wanted to revise the plans and estimates for the Bhuleshwar Market and

* Para. 2 was added to the amendment on the suggestion of Mr. Bomanjee Pestonjee Master.

School (cost Rs. 1,67,800), forwarded to Government as per the Corporation's Resolution No. 11997, dated 9th February last, they were obtained from Government and sent to him.

He has now modified the plans and revised the estimates which have been reduced to Rs. 1,50,382. They have been approved by the Joint Schools Committee and are herewith forwarded with copy of Mr. Murzban's letter No. 197 of 7th ultimo.

Of Rs. 1,50,382, Rs. 83,382 are debitable to market extension and Rs. 67,000 to the school, and it is not possible to further reduce the charge against the school to Rs. 60,000 as desired by the Corporation in their Resolution No. 5367, dated 22nd August 1892. The cost of the school, according to the estimate of Rs. 1,67,800, was Rs. 71,300.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 197 of 1893-94. BOMBAY, *7th April* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith revised plans of the proposed new building for the Bhuleshwar Markets and Schools and an estimate, amounting to Rs. 1,50,382, of the probable cost of constructing the same.

The modifications in the design consist of the following :—

Ground Floor.—The arrangement of the plan is the same as before, but the distribution of arches and columns has been re-arranged and the number of columns reduced by about one half, whereby much of the obstruction which would have taken place according to the original plan has been removed.

An additional staircase has been provided to give access to the sweeper to the upper floors.

First Floor.—In the original plan classes were arranged over the whole area leaving a sky-light 10 feet wide in the middle. By this arrangement the front and side classes would have received a fair share of light and ventilation from the streets, but the rear portion, consisting of 5 class rooms, would have been absolutely without any light or ventilation, as in front of it there would have been the front class rooms and in the rear a high upper-storied private building. In the new arrangement I have omitted the rear class rooms altogether.

By this arrangement the space which under the original plan was occupied by class rooms will be available as play-ground. The ventilation of the front and side classes will be improved and more light and ventilation admitted into the markets below through the sky-light.

Second Floor.—In the original there were class rooms in the front only. In the new plans I have added a wing on one side to make room for the classes removed from the rear of the first floor.

In the original plan no water closet provision was made for the classes on the second floor and the boys would have had to come to the first floor to attend to the calls of nature.

In the new plan I have provided water-closets and water-room on the second floor also.

The cost of the building, as originally designed, was estimated at Rs. 1,67,800, that of the new one is Rs. 1,50,382, showing a saving of Rs. 17,418.

If you approve of the new plans, I shall be obliged by your sending them to the Joint Schools Committee for approval before they are forwarded to Government.—I have, &c.,

M. C. MURZBAN, Executive Engineer.

CONSTRUCTION.

Foundation.—The trenches for foundation to be dug to a depth of 9 feet from the road level. The lower footing of the foundation to be filled in with common lime concrete and the rest with rubble stone and lime masonry.

Plinth and Superstructure.—All the exterior walls except the rear wall above the level of the first floor to be faced with blue basalt regular coursed hammer dressed khandki facing and plastered on the inside. The superstructure to consist of rubble stone and lime masonry and the interior walls to be of brick and lime masonry.

Archwork.—The arches over all the openings to be of Kurla cut-stone ; those on doors and windows in the exterior walls to be of Porbandar stone; with brick and lime backing and those in the interior walls to be of brick and lime masonry.

Cut-stone Work.—The columns, corbels, &c., to be of Kurla cut-stone. Bands, sills, lintel, string courses, &c., to be of Porbandar cut-stone work. The mullions, corbels in end stairs, &c., to be of blue cut-stone work.

Floors.—The floor of the market to be of 6" blue stone pavement on a 6" bed of concrete or of Indian patent as may be decided. The first floor to consist of old iron rails on rolled iron girder and common line concrete terracing. The second floor to be of $1\frac{1}{2}$" teak boarding tongued and grooved over teakwood joists and girders. The flat roofs to consist of a layer of koba over Porbandar stone slabs on teakwood joists and girders.

Roof.—Roof to consist of Mangalore tiling and teak battens on $\frac{3}{4}$" teakwood planking tongued and grooved over purlins on teakwood trusses. The whole of the wood on roofs to be of Moulmein teak. The roof over the middle skylight to be made of sheet glass properly framed together on teakwood collar beam trusses.

Doors and Windows.—The windows on the ground floor to be ventilated with glazed and venetianed fan-lights. The windows in the staircase rooms, water-closets, &c., to be glazed. The doors for all class rooms to be partly ventilated and partly panelled with

glazed fan-lights over them. The doors in water-closets, &c., to have plain planked shutters without any fan-lights. The windows in all class rooms to be ventilated with glazed fan-lights over them.

Stairs and Railings.—All the staircase to be of teakwood properly framed and fitted together. The railings to be of perforated teakwood panel-work with teakwood balusters and hand-rails.

Entrance Gate for Market and Stairs.—All the entrance openings for market and stairs to be made of wrought-iron folded shutters of approved pattern.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Modi, Esq.—

No. 2841.

"That the President be requested to forward to Government the revised plans and estimates of the Bhuleshwar Market and School, amounting to Rs. 1,50,382, and that Government be informed that, as it is not possible to further reduce the estimate for the market and school, the Corporation hope that Government will be pleased to increase the State's grant-in-aid of Rs. 30,000 by Rs. 3,500, so as to meet the Government half share of the cost of the construction of the school."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao Narayan Vasudev, Esq.—

"1. That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their Resolution No. 1626, dated 25th May 1893, sanction be given to the construction of (1) the following roads in Agripada, north of Bellasis Road, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,80,901, to be met from the Rs. 15 lakhs loan for roads in Agripada, *viz.*, Morland Road (completion), Gilder Street (completion), Souter Road (from Arthur Road to Morland Road), Club Street (from Gilder Street to Morland Road); (2) storm-water drains in the abovenamed roads, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,28,288; and (3) storm-water drains and sewers in Connaught and Sussex Roads, at an estimated cost of Rs. 51,916. The cost to be met by advances from loan and other surplus balances, to be adjusted against the loan which has to be hereafter raised.

"2. That the Corporation also approve of the views of the Commissioner as expressed in his letter No. 1942, dated 28th April last, in regard to the style and class of buildings to be erected along the new roads in Agripada, and

that the Commissioner be requested to submit for the consideration of the Corporation the conditions of the sale of frontages along such roads."

First amendment proposed by Accacio G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the last portion (para. 2) of the motion be omitted."

Second amendment proposed by K. M. Sbroff, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

"That the resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 1626, dated 25th May 1893, be referred back to the Standing Committee with a request that the estimates for the construction of the roads and storm water drains mentioned therein be revised with a view to reducing the cost of the same."

Shortly before 5 o'clock, it was proposed by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq., seconded by Harkisondas Narrotumdas, Esq.—

"That the meeting be adjourned to Monday, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M."

Carried.

BOMBAY, 26*th June* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 5th instant, and adjourned from the 22nd ultimo), held this day, there were present :—

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURG.-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHAI, BART., C. S. I.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M.&S.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the ACTING SECRETARY.

On the motion of Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq., George Cotton, Esq., was voted to the chair.

The Acting Secretary intimated to the Chairman having received a letter from Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha which he (Mr. Wacha) wished to have read at the meeting as the minutes in regard to the subject of Mr. Viegas' motion relating to weights and measures were not correct.

As Mr. Wacha was not present at the meeting the Chairman ruled, under rule 3 of the rules for the conduct of business, that the letter could not be read and that no alterations could be made in the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd instant were then signed.

The consideration of the following was resumed :—

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao Narayan Vasudev, Esq.—

"1. That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 1626, dated 25th May 1893, sanction be given to the construction of (1) the following roads in Agripada, north of Bellasis Road, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,80,901, to be met from the Rs. 15 lakhs loan for roads in Agripada, *viz.*, Morland Road (completion), Gilder Street (completion), Souter Road (from Arthur Road to Morland Road), Club Street (from Gilder Street to Morland Road); (2) storm water drains in the abovenamed roads, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,28,288; and (3) storm-water drains and sewers in Connaught and Sussex Roads, at an estimated cost of Rs. 51,916. The cost to be met by advances from loan and other surplus balances, to be adjusted against the loan which has to be hereafter raised.

"2. That the Corporation also approve of the views of the Commissioner as expressed in his letter No. 1942, dated 28th April last, in regard to the style and class of buildings to be erected along the new roads in Agripada, and that the Commissioner be requested to submit for the consideration of the Corporation the conditions of the sale of frontages along such roads."

First amendment proposed by Accacio G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the last portion (para. 2) of the motion be omitted."

Second amendment proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

"That the resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 1626, dated 25th May 1893, be referred back to the Standing Committee with a request that the estimates for the construction of the roads and storm-water drains mentioned therein be revised with a view to reducing the cost of the same."

Third amendment now proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"1. That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 1626, dated 25th May 1893, sanction be given to the construction of (1) the following roads in Agripada, north of Bellasis Road, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,80,901, to be met from the Rs. 15 lakhs loan for roads in Agripada, *viz.*, Morland Road (completion), Gilder Street (completion), Souter Road (from Arthur Road to Morland Road), Club Street (from Gilder Street to Morland Road); (2) storm-water drains in the abovenamed roads, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,28,288; and (3) storm-water drains and sewers in Connaught and Sussex Roads, at an estimated cost of Rs. 51,916. The cost to be met by advances from loan and other surplus balances, to be adjusted against the loan which has to be hereafter raised.

No. 3002.

"2. That with regard to such portions of the above works which are to be carried out by the Executive Engineer the Commissioner be requested to lay revised estimates before the Corporation."

With the permission of the Chairman and the consent of the meeting, Mr. K. M. Shroff was allowed to *withdraw* his amendment.

The third amendment which then became the second amendment was, on a division, *carried* as a substantive proposition, the votes being 41 *for* and 1 *against*.

The following notice of motion from A. G. Viegas, Esq., was postponed till next monthly meeting :—

"That the mortality returns of the City being unsatisfactory, the following Committee be appointed to suggest the best means of improving the same. The Committee to have the power of calling for Municipal persons and papers."

Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha asked that, as he understood the Water Engineer was preparing an exhaustive report on the whole water question, his motion, as follows, be allowed to be postponed:—

"That a Committee to be named by the Corporation be appointed to investigate into the *real truth* as regards the intermittent and inadequate supply of water to different parts of the town during the months of April and May."

It was agreed that the consideration of the motion be postponed.

As Mr. Wacha proceeded to read out the remaining notices of motion standing in his name, the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta raised the point of order as to whether Mr. Wacha should not put them before the meeting separately.

The Chairman ruled that Nos. 2 and 3 should be taken together and No. 4 separately.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That the Corporation regrets that the statements B and C and the two schedules attached to statement B, referred to in the 9th and 10th paragraphs of the Accountant-General's letter, being annexure to item No. 22 on the agenda paper, should have been omitted to be printed and circulated among Councillors before the day of the monthly meeting.

"That important papers from Government or public bodies or private persons, specially submitted to the Corporation for consideration and disposal, should on no account be omitted from circulation among Councillors on the score of expenditure only, of which the Corporation is the sole judge and arbiter."

Not seconded.

Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha asked that the following motion which stood in his name be postponed till the next monthly meeting, which was agreed to.

"(4) That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to produce all the correspondence in connection with the tenders recently invited for the supply of stoneware pipes by the Drainage Engineer."

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, 10*th July* 1893.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation held this day there were present :—

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHABILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L.M. & S.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MAHOMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDASS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner, and the ACTING SECRETARY.

On the motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., Grattan Geary, Esq., was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th ultimo were signed.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

"1. That the following be *recorded* :—Government Resolution No. 1987, General Department, dated 6th June 1893, stating that H. E. the Governor is pleased to appoint S. Rebsch, Esq., Assoc. M. Inst. C. E., to be a member of the Corporation, *vice* T. B. Kirkham, Esq., resigned.

"2. That the Corporation take this opportunity of expressing its high sense of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Kirkham to the City as a member of the Corporation and of the Town Council, and especially of the zeal and ability with which he has discharged the duty laid upon him by the Government in transferring the primary schools to the Corporation."

Amendment proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Chimanlal H. Setalvad, Esq.—

"That Government Resolution No. 1987, General Department, dated 6th June 1893, be *recorded*."

On a division, the amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion by 16 votes *against* 10.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, seconded by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq.—

No. 3450. "That, under the terms of Section 17 (*b*) of the Municipal Act, the Corporation approve of the absence of Abdalla M. Dharamsi, Esq., for a period of seven months, from 22nd April last."

Amendment proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

"That the leave to be granted to Mr. Dharamsi be for a period of eight months."

Mr. Rahimtula M. Sayani raised the point of order as to whether the amendment was one which the Corporation could consider, inasmuch as it went beyond the request which Mr. Dharamsi has made. The application, Mr. Sayani stated, was for seven months' leave, whereas the amendment was to grant eight months' leave.

The Chairman ruled the amendment out of order.

The original motion was then *carried*.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq.—

No. 3451. "That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 3026, dated 28th June 1893, from the Acting Municipal Secretary, reporting the Budget transfers, sanctioned by the Standing Committee up to 28th idem, amounting to Rs. 904-3-1."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

No. 3452. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their Resolution No. 2665, dated 21st June 1893, sanction be given to the purchase of one of Merryweather's small size 'Valliant' steam pumping engines at a cost of Rs. 5,000, and Rs. 243, the estimated monthly charge, for working and maintaining the engine. The amount to be met from the surplus of about Rs. 4½ lakhs, which has accrued since the publication of the revised estimates for 1892-93.

"That sanction be further given to the payment of Rs. 1,000 from the same grant for the purchase of 11 automatic flushers to be erected in certain districts for the purpose of flushing gullies and sewers."

Amendment proposed by Cowasji Pestonji, Esq., seconded by Kharsedji N. Wadya, Esq.—

"That, instead of purchasing a steam engine for flushing gullies, the Corporation sanction the purchase of 50 automatic flushers, and that they should be made to work intermittently four hours a day."

After an explanation regarding automatic flushers had been given by the Commissioner, Mr. Cowasji Pestonji was allowed, with the permission of the Chairman and the consent of the meeting, to withdraw his amendment.

The original motion was then *carried.*

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 3453. "That the Corporation approve of the transfer of Rs. 658-1-11 from savings in the Executive Engineer's Department, general supervision and miscellaneous duties, (*a*) I. superior staff, (*b*) III. surveyors and draftsmen, to Accounts and Expenditure, audit establishment, section I., establishment, to meet excess due to acting allowance payable to the officers appointed to act for the Chief Accountant while on privilege leave from 2nd May last to 10th ultimo."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hasambhoy Visram, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 3042, dated 28th June 1893, sanction be given to the excess of Rs. 11,097-11-4 on account of the cost of erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines, and pumps at the Love Grove Pumping Station, and Rs. 9,850 for the cost (*a*) of an economizer, (*b*) a penstock to the catch-pit, and (*c*) rails from the old boiler house to the new one. The total sum, Rs. 20,948, to be included in the loan for the purchase, erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines, and pumps at Love Grove."

First amendment proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

"1. That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 3042, dated 28th June 1893, sanction be given to the excess of Rs. 11,097-11-4 on account of the cost of erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines, and pumps at the Love Grove Pumping Station, and Rs. 9,850

for the cost (*a*) of an economizer, (*b*) a penstock to the catch-pit, and (*c*) rails from the old boiler house to the new one. The total sum, Rs. 20,948, to be included in the loan for the purchase, erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines, and pumps at Love Grove.

" 2. That the Corporation desires to put on record its regret that the excesses should not have been foreseen and its hope that such excesses will not be permitted to occur in future.

" 3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner."

Second amendment proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq.—

" That the consideration of the matter be postponed till next meeting and that the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit full details of all the charges making up the items of the excesses."

Third amendment proposed by Chimanlal H. Setalvad, Esq., seconded by Nowroji J. Gamadia, Esq.—

" That the meeting do now adjourn."

On a division, the third amendment was *carried*, the votes being 15 *for* and 10 *against*.

The meeting then adjourned, and the Chairman fixed Monday, the 17th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 17*th July* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 10th instant, and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present :—

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADIA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL

DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CALLIANDAS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWANDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the ACTING SECRETARY.

On the motion of Karsandas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq., was voted to the chair.

On the question of signing the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th instant, the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalvad said that his motion for the adjournment of the last meeting should not have been inserted as an amendment.

The Chairman stated that the proceedings would be amended by the substitution of the following words :— "at this stage it was" in place of "third amendment."

The minutes of the meeting, as thus amended, were then signed.

The consideration of the following was resumed :—

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hasambhai Visram, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 3042, dated 28th June 1893, sanction be given to the excess of Rs. 11,097-11-4 on account of the cost of erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines, and pumps at the Love Grove Pumping Station, and Rs. 9,850 for the cost (*a*) of an economizer, (*b*) a penstock to the catch-pit, and (*c*) rails from the old boiler house to the new one. The total sum, Rs. 20,948, to be included in the loan for the purchase, erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines and pumps at Love Grove."

First amendment, proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Javerilal U. Yajnik, Esq.—

"1. That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 3042, dated 28th June 1893, sanction be given to the excess of Rs. 11,097-11-4 on account of the cost of erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines and pumps at the Love Grove Pumping Station, and Rs. 9,850 for the cost (*a*) of an economizer, (*b*) a penstock to the catch-pit, and (*c*) rails from the old boiler house to the

new one. The total sum, Rs. 20,948, to be included in the loan for the purchase, erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines and pumps at Love Grove.

"2. That the Corporation desires to put on record its regret that the excesses should not have been foreseen and its hope that such excesses will not be permitted to occur in future.

"3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner."

Second amendment, proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the matter be postponed till next meeting, and that the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit full details of all the charges making up the items of the excesses."

Third amendment, now proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 3042, dated 28th June 1893, sanction be given to the excess of Rs. 11,097-11-4 on account of the cost of erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines and pumps at the Love Grove Pumping Station, and Rs. 9,850 for the cost (*a*) of an economizer, (*b*) a penstock to the catch-pit, and (*c*) rails from the old boiler house to the new one. The total sum, Rs. 20,948, to be included in the loan for the purchase, erection, &c., of the new boilers, engines and pumps at Love Grove.

No. 3694.

"2. That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to give full details of the first estimates, including whatever rough estimates may exist as to the Rs. 30,391 for contingencies and staff, and the present revised estimates, with such explanations as he may think proper with the names of the officers who prepared them. That the report be submitted, as far as possible, at the next monthly meeting of the Corporation, and the consideration of the question as to the justification and responsibility for the excess be postponed till then."

With the permission of the Chairman and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar was allowed to *withdraw* his amendment, and with the like permission and consent Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha was also allowed to *withdraw* his amendment.

The third amendment, which then became the first amendment, was, on a division, *carried* as a substantive proposition, the votes being 30 *for* and 3 *against*.

Under the terms of section 36 (*l*) of the Municipal Act, the Commissioner asked the meeting to consider as "urgent business" letter No. 7792, dated 17th instant, from him on the subject of abandoning the proposal to construct a night-soil depôt at Thomas Street, and it was agreed that such letter be taken as "urgent business."

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 3695. "That the consideration of letter No. 7792, dated 17th instant, from the Commissioner, be deferred until Thursday, the 20th idem, and that in the meantime the papers on the subject be at once printed and circulated."

Carried.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

No. 3696. "That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 173, dated 2nd June 1893, from the Secretary, Joint Schools Committee, to the Municipal Secretary, stating that, at their meeting held on the 31st May 1893, R. G. Oxenham, Esq., was elected Chairman of the Committee, in place of Dr. Thomas Blaney resigned."

Carried.

Considered letter No. 5032, dated 9th June 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—I have the honor to forward a tracing showing in red colour one of the proposed Agripada roads sanctioned by the Corporation in their resolution No. 880 of 28th April 1890. This road passes at its east end through a building in the compound of Khatao Makanji's Mill and it would be therefore very difficult to acquire that ground except at a heavy cost.

I have the honor therefore to request the sanction of the Corporation to alter the line of the road as shown scored in red.

By this alteration the proposed road will pass for some distance through the Municipal ground and the Municipality will thereby be saved the cost of buying an expensive building and ground worth more than Rs. 15 per square yard.

I have also to request the sanction of the Corporation to the Municipal ground marked B and coloured green, measuring about 152·44 square yards, being given in exchange to one Mr. Hormasjee

Manekjee Mehta for a plot of equal area belonging to him marked A and scored in red, which comes within the regular line of Haines Road. Mr. Mehta has no objection to the exchange. By this arrangement a desirable improvement will be effected.—H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 3697. "That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 5032, dated 9th June 1893, and with reference to the resolution of the Corporation, No. 880, dated 28th April 1890, sanction be now given to the alteration of the line of one of the roads in Agripada as shown scored in red on the tracing, marked A, dated this day, and filed in supplement to Minute Books; the original line of the road being shown in red.

"That sanction be further given to a plot of Municipal ground admeasuring 152·44 square yards, or thereabout, shown in green and marked B on the said tracing being given to Mr. Hormasjee Maneckjee Mehta in exchange for an equal area of ground belonging to him, as shown in scored red and marked A on the same tracing."

Carried.

With reference to the notice of motion, as under, from

No. 3698. Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to state why Counsel's opinion has not yet been submitted to the Corporation in compliance with resolution No. 9695 passed at its meeting held on 8th December last,"

the Commissioner stated that he had addressed a letter on the matter and then laid the joint opinion of Counsel on the table.

Considered letter No. 6944, dated 5th July 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—I have the honor to forward Counsel's opinion under Corporation Resolution No. 9695 of 8th December last, with correspondence connected therewith. It will be observed that the joint opinion called for in my No. 23983 of 4th February last was received only on 22nd April, and the Chief Accountant's report thereon on 26th idem. I could hardly have submitted the papers in time for the May meeting of the Corporation, but the reasons which induced me to withhold them from the June meeting would have equally operated in May. These reasons are tolerably obvious, though I cannot do more than allude to them.

I have now the honor to recommend that a very small Committee be appointed to consider the course to be adopted in view of the construction put upon the law by the Counsel consulted. I have also to request that, subject to any orders which the Corporation may pass, the papers may be kept on your confidential file.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That, with reference to the Commissioner's letter No. 6944, dated 5th July 1893, a Committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, be appointed to consider and report on the course to be adopted in view of the construction put upon the law by Counsel:—

No. 3699.

THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA.
DINSHA E. WACHA, ESQ.
G. W. ROUGHTON, ESQ.
THE HON'BLE MR. FAZALBHOY VISRAM.
JAVERILAL U. YAJNIK, ESQ.
GEO. COTTON, ESQ."

Carried.

Considered the following:—

No. 5458 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 15*th June* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

MEMORANDUM.

The Commissioner has the honor, in answer to Corporation resolution No. 2404, of 12th instant, to say that the work of an alternate day service could be performed by a Municipal employé on Rs. 10, but his railway fare between Atgaon and Asangaon should also be paid. The Commissioner thinks it preferable that the responsibility for the delivery and carriage of the Tansa post should rest with the Post Office by whom, moreover, no charge is made for railway fare. The distance between Tansa and Shahapur (13 miles direct by road, and 8 miles + 20 minutes rail + 1½ miles if the railway is taken) is too great for a daily service to be performed by a single man.—H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

The Commissioner requested that the consideration of his letter on the subject of the postal service be postponed for the present, as a question had been raised by Government in regard to the pension contribution payable on account of the peon who was to perform the service.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That the consideration of letter No. 5458, dated 15th June 1893, be postponed till the next monthly meeting."*

No. 3700.

Carried.

* *See* Proceedings of the Corporation, dated 12th June 1893.

Considered the following :—

No. 5303 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *14th June* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter No. 2029 of 29th April 1893, and with reference to Corporation resolution No. 2407 of 12th instant, on the subject of the afforesting of the catchment area of the Tulsi Lake, I have the honor to report further as follows :—

2. The maintenance of as good a growth of timber as possible upon the catchment areas of lakes which supply cities is, I believe, everywhere regarded in India as a matter of importance, as in the absence of trees denudation of the surface occurs, which is necessarily followed by silting of the lake. A timber growth not only protects the surface of the soil mechanically from the violence of the tropical rains, thus allowing the rain to drop gently on and sink into the soil, but the roots of the trees and bushes bind the soil together, so that it is not easily swept away. These are facts which, I believe, are universally recognized and acted on in India. To leave a small forest to itself is to ensure that the timber will be below the possible standard, that undergrowth will multiply and grow rank, and the waters of the lake be needlessly choked and polluted with vegetable matter.

3. The Municipality is not itself in a position to administer with successful results, either the Tulsi or any other forest, not only because it possesses no district staff except that employed on dams and ducts, but because the management of a forest is a special science which requires training, and there is no officer in the Municipal service who is competent to undertake it. I need hardly remind the Corporation that an important part of the arrangements made for the protection of the Tansa Lake was the reservation and placing in charge of the Government Forest Department of a belt of land three miles deep all round the lake.

4. I understand that a question was raised as to what I have said with regard to huts in the Tulsi forest. What I meant was that, while a stipulation ought, as a matter of course, to be made against any residence within the catchment area, no objection could be raised to huts in that part of the forest which does not drain into the lake, and there would be no reason to disallow huts for wood-cutters and other persons temporarily employed during the working seasons.

5. The arrangement which I have had in my mind is intended to be permanent, nor can I imagine that any cause will arise which will induce the Corporation to wish to revoke it. If, however, it is desired to reserve power to put an end to it, this can no doubt be done, but I apprehend in such a case a three or even a five years' notice would be required by Government. It is to be borne in mind that the revenue returns from a forest are matters of slow growth, several years will probably elapse before the initial cost

of demarcation, surveying, mapping, &c., will be recouped to Government, and the Forest Department at all times in any given block of forest is working for distant profits.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by W. R. Hamilton, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"1. That letter No. 5303, dated 14th June 1893, from the Commissioner be *recorded*.

"2. That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 2029, dated 27th April 1893, the Corporation approve of the proposal of the Commissioner to place the Tulsi forest under the Forest Department and authorise him to move Government to undertake its control and management on the terms stated in his above quoted letter.*

Amendment, proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Tribhowandas Varjeewandas, Esq.—

"That the Corporation do not approve of the proposed transfer of the Tulsi forest to Government, but the Commissioner may be authorised, if necessary, to secure the services of a Forest Officer to help in doing the needful for a short period, say, six months."

No. 3701.

On a division, the amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion by 18 votes *against* 13.

The meeting then adjourned, and the Chairman fixed Thursday, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 20*th July* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 10th instant, and adjourned from the 17th instant), held this day, there were present :—

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULLA KUR, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq., THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq., COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI DISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASSARWANJI WADIA, Esq.; G. LUND, Esq.; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M.

* *See* Proceedings of the Corporation, dated 12th June 1893

MEHTA; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq. A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTAMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the ACTING SECRETARY.

On the motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq., was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th instant, were signed.

Considered the following :—

PRECIS.

Frequent complaints have during the past three years been received from the Port Trustees and the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company, regarding the drain which has its outfall to the south of the Gun Carriage Basin. In March 1892 the Port Trustees issued a notice upon the Commissioner, requiring him to cease the discharge of night-soil and sullage into the harbour. The Corporation simply recording this notice, no action was taken upon it by the Port Trustees, and I apprehend that that body discovered that they were not in a position to enforce the demand. At or about the same time the Port Trustees appealed to Government to use their powers under section 245 (*c*) of the Municipal Act to stop the outfall of the drain referred to. On the 10th December 1892 Government called upon me to report whether I had any reason to advance why section 245 (*c*) should not be acted on, having regard to complaints which had been made by the Port Trustees and the Railway. I submitted a report on the 10th January 1893, and as Government have taken no steps towards putting the section in force, I apprehend they are convinced that the Municipality cannot reasonably be called upon at present to close this outfall. On the 13th January 1893 the B. B. & C. I. Railway, having possibly come to the conclusion that they were not likely to be helped by Government, issued upon me a formal statutory notice of an action of law for an injunction to put a stop to the nuisance caused to their servants by the deposit of night-soil and other offensive matters into the Gun Carriage Basin drain. From that time to this negotiations have been going on with the Railway Company, and I was advised by the Solicitors that it was desirable that the discharge of the night-soil into the drain should be stopped, as they considered, in this respect, that the Municipal case was weak. An injunction for the stoppage of the deposit of night-soil, while other arrangements for the removal of the night-soil had not been made, would have been attended with dangerous effects, and orders were accordingly given for the construction of a small night-soil depôt of corrugated iron in Thomas Street, alongside the hopper, through which cesspool carts were and are discharged

into the drain in question. This was duly reported to the Standing Committee and Corporation, and the necessary sanction to the expense of Rs. 1,247 was given on the 15th May last. No sooner, however, had work on the night-soil depôt made any progress than remonstrances were received and actions threatened from property owners in the neighbourhood. On further consultation with the Solicitors it seemed to me to be necessary to inform the Railway that the only means which could be adopted for collecting the night-soil in carts and removing it to the Carnac Bridge depôt was to have the work done alongside the large latrine, the discharge of the contents of which into the drain formed one of the principal complaints by the Railway Company. In order, however, that the carts might approach the spot, it was necessary that they should pass over Railway land, no other access being possible. The Company for a long time insisted that the carts could approach through a narrow and tortuous passage, which leads to it in the opposite direction. This however, I pointed out, could not be done, and ultimately the Railway Company ceded this point, and also agreed to allow their land to be used at a nominal rent of Re. 1 a month, and further gave up their threatened course of action as regards the contents of cesspool carts, on condition that the Municipality should fence off the land temporarily handed over and pay the gate expenses, which they put at Rs. 20 a month, and which I take to be the wages of two gate-keepers. The conditions will be found annexed. The sewerage of Colaba is expected to be complete in 20 months from the 1st of August, when these temporary arrangements will no longer be required. We are able to divert the night-soil to Colaba without extra expense. I do not propose to ask for any grant during the current year to meet the expense of this arrangement. The materials for the corrugated iron fence will be taken from the night-soil depôt constructed in Thomas Street, and the monthly expense of Rs. 21 can be charged to the Health Department contingencies, or, if necessary, to the Commissioner's discretional contingencies.—H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

17*th July* 1893.

No. 7792 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 17*th July* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—Referring to Corporation Resolution No. 1529 of 15th May 1893, I have the honor to report that the night-soil depôt in Thomas Street has never been completed or used owing to the probability that the Municipality would be involved in litigation. I have been for a long time in communication with the B. B. & C. I. Railway with a view to finding some practical solution of the difficulty attending the disposal of night-soil in this locality. After pointing out to them that if the Thomas Street depôt could not be

used, no alternative remained but to load the carts at the site of the existing latrine, but that the carts could not approach this spot either for this purpose or for the purpose of removing the contents of the latrine, and thus the discharge of night-soil into the Gun Carriage Basin drain could not be stopped unless the Railway Company allowed a passage over their land to it. I have induced them to consent to lease to us the necessary ground at a nominal rent and on the conditions embodied in the agreement, of which I forward a copy. The fence referred to in para. 6 will be constructed out of the materials of the Thomas Street depôt, which will now be removed, and the only expense attending the arrangement will be a small sum for labour, the rent of the land, which is one rupee a month, and the expenses referred to in paragraph 7 which are said to be Rs. 20 per month. The period referred to in para. 8 is the period when the sewerage of Colaba is expected to be completed. On the terms stated we are able to obviate all risk of litigation on the part of the Railway, and it is decidedly desirable that this vexatious and long-standing dispute should thus be terminated. I trust the Corporation will take this matter up as one of urgency, which, it will be observed, the Railway make it one of their conditions that I should ask the Corporation to do. It is undoubtedly of the most urgent importance that the matter should be settled.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Conditions of Agreement between the Municipality and the B. B. & C. I. Railway Company.

1. That the Municipality shall stop the daily basket delivery of night-soil at the site of the latrines or elsewhere into the drain running through the Company's land at Colaba, known as the Gun Carriage Yard, and discharging into the sea at the south-east corner of the Gun Carriage Basin.

2. That the Municipality shall disconnect the pipe conveying night-soil from the Municipal latrines to the said drain.

3. That the Municipality shall stop all discharge of night-soil into the drain in question at the Thomas Street sink and all other places.

4. That the drain in question shall be kept free from all night-soil from any source whatever.

5. That the Municipality pay to the Company for the temporary rental of 185·42 square yards of their land at Colaba, as shown on the annexed plan (the plot being coloured black thereon), a nominal rent of one rupee per month.

6. That the Municipality shall put up a fence of corrugated iron 9 feet high, effectually separating the area of 185·42 from the rest of the Company's land.

7. That the gate leading to the Company's land to be rented to the Municipality be not removed, and that it remain in charge of a gatekeeper of the Company (all expenses being met by the Municipality).

8. That the Municipality shall, at the end of 20 months from the 1st of August 1893, give up possession of the land rented to them (temporarily), or before that period, on the Company giving a month's previous notice in writing to that effect, it being understood that the Company will not give such notice unless it is found necessary that they should resume possession of the land.

9. That the number of carts brought on to the Company's land shall not exceed 8 per diem.

10. That access to the land so rented to the Municipality may be closed after 24 hours' notice to the Municipality in the event of any of the above conditions being infringed by them.

11. That the conditions numbered (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) shall be carried out within one week from the date on which the sanction of the Corporation shall be obtained to the taking up of land mentioned in condition 5, the Commissioner undertaking to lay the matter before the Corporation as urgent at their next monthly meeting to be held on the 10th July 1893.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

"That, with reference to the resolution of the Corporation, No. 1529, dated 15th May 1893, the Corporation now approve of the arrangement recommended by the Commissioner in his letter No. 7792, dated 17th instant, (1) of abandoning the construction of the night-soil depôt at Thomas Street ; (2) of loading the carts at the site of the existing latrines at Colaba, and of leasing thereat, from the B. B. & C. I. Railway Co., on the following terms, the necessary ground for the purpose of forming a passage to the said latrines :—

1. That the Municipality shall stop the daily basket delivery of night-soil at the site of the latrines or elsewhere into the drain running through the Company's land at Colaba, known as the Gun Carriage Yard, and discharging into the sea at the south-east corner of the Gun Carriage Basin.

2. That the Municipality shall disconnect the pipe conveying night-soil from the Municipal latrines to the said drain.

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10. That access to the land so rented to the Municipality may be closed after 24 hours' notice to the Municipality in the event of any of the above conditions being infringed by them.

11. That the conditions numbered (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) shall be carried out within one week from the date on which the sanction of the Corporation shall be obtained to the taking up of land mentioned in condition 5, the Commissioner undertaking to lay the matter before the Corporation as urgent at their next monthly meeting to be held on the 10th July 1893.

Amendment proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherózeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"1. That the arrangement recommended by the Commissioner, in his letter No. 7792, dated 17th instant, be approved with the following alterations in the conditions, *viz* :— No. 3976.

"2. That in condition No. 1, the words 'during the pendency of this agreement,' be added after the word 'shall' in the first line.

"3. That conditions 2, 3 and 4 be combined and that it be agreed the Municipality shall not, during the period of this contract, convey night-soil into the said drain from the Municipal latrines or any other source.

"4. That the necessary alterations be made in condition No. 11."

On a division, the amendment was *carried* as a substantive proposition.

Under the terms of section 36 (*l*) of the Municipal Act, the Chairman of the Standing Committee asked the meeting to consider as "urgent business" resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 3503, dated 12th instant, on the subject of a supplementary grant for coal for the Love Grove Pumping Station and it was agreed (with one dissentient) that the resolution be considered as "urgent business."

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 3503, dated 12th instant, sanction be given to a supplementary grant of Rs. 26,744-8-0, which, it is estimated, will be required in addition to the budget grant of Rs. 40,000, for the purchase of coal for the Love Grove Pumping Station up to the end of the current financial year. The amount to be met out of the surplus of about Rs. 4½ lakhs, which has accrued since the publication of the revised estimates for 1892-93."

First amendment, proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the matter be postponed till next Thursday and that in the meantime the Commissioner be asked to furnish the meeting with the following information:—

1. How many engines are daily working—three or four? What is the developed horse power per hour of each new engine?
2. Is the estimate of the consumption of 7 tons of coals computed for three or four engines, and is the quantity for a full working day, or how?
3. How many hours do the engines daily work without intermission? and if there be any intermission to state it.
4. How is the excess of Rs. 5,939, over the budgetted grant of Rs. 40,000, for the current year accounted for; and was the consumption based on an average of 6 tons per day?
5. Produce the original daily log book showing the consumption of coal from 1st March last to date.
6. What is meant by the consumption of coal having been "reduced to about 7 tons" a day? Does the statement imply that it was over 7 tons some time ago? If so, what was that quantity, which is now reduced to 7 tons?

Second amendment, proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 3503, dated 12th instant, sanction be given to a supplementary grant of Rs. 26,744-8-0, which, it is estimated, will be required in addition to the budget grant of Rs. 40,000, for the purchase of coal for the Love Grove Pumping Station up to the end

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of the current financial year. The amount to be met out of the surplus of about Rs. 4½ lakhs, which has accrued since the publication of the revised estimates for 1892-93.

"2. That the Commissioner be asked to supply the Corporation with the following information :—

1. How many engines are daily working,—three or four? What is the developed horse-power per hour of each new engine?
2. Is the estimate of the consumption of 7 tons of coals computed for 3 or 4 engines, and is the quantity for a full working day, or how?
3. How many hours do the engines daily work without intermission? and if there be any intermission to state it.
4. How is the excess of Rs. 5,939, over the budgetted grant of Rs. 40,000, for the current year accounted for; and was the consumption based on an average of 6 tons per day?
5. What is meant by the consumption of coal having been "reduced to about 7 tons" a day? Does the statement imply that it was over 7 tons some time ago? If so, what was that quantity, which is now reduced to 7 tons?"

On a division, the second amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion, the votes being 20 *for* and 2 *against*.

On the application of the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, priority was given to the question of providing a burial ground for the Mahomedan and Beni-Israel communities.

Considered the following :—

No. 6666 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *1st July* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—The sites before the Corporation are three in number—(*a*) the Unjeerbag ; (*b*) the Mount Estate ; (*c*) site at Tank Bandar.

As between the two former there can be, I think, no doubt that the Mount Estate is the better. It has at least all the advantages of the Unjeerbag, and is very much cheaper. I take it that the only real question is one between the Mount Estate and the site at Tank Bandar. In order to compare the two, I must describe the latter a little more carefully than I have yet been able to do.

I described it in my letter No. 3887-A of 25th May last as measuring 58,195 square yards, but this requires modification. The area I had then in my mind consisted of the whole plot of Port Trust ground lying between the undermentioned boundaries :—

East—Tank Bandar Road.
West—Narel Wadi.
North—Port Trust land.
South—Mazagon Manufacturing Company's Mill and other private ground.

There are, however, reasons against taking this plot in its entirety. They may be summarily stated as follows :—

(*a*) On the north it is doubtful whether the ground is not rocky. The existing quarry and some fresh trial-pits which I have had sunk there tend to this conclusion. (*b*) An important road proposed in continuation of Victoria Road cuts right through it. (*c*) The frontage land lying along the road to the east and facing the Port Trustees' timber hards would not be parted with by the Trustees under Rs. 15 or Rs. 20 a square yard. They realize for it now rents equal to a capital value of Rs. 12, and when the scheme they have in hand for improving this part of the estate is carried through, it will be worth more.

For these reasons the Municipality should confine its attention to the southern portion of the plot in question, that is to say, that part of it which lies south of the continuation of Victoria Road which I have referred to. I annex a tracing which will show my views more clearly than anything I can write. After leaving to the Port Trustees a frontage of 100 feet on the south side of the extension of Victoria Road, there will still remain an area belonging to them of 30,287 square yards. To this I propose to add a triangular patch of ground, measuring 3,592 square yards, belonging to the Mazagon Manufacturing Company, which lies between the eastern boundary of the Port Trust land and the road, and is separated from the latter by a wall 14′ high. This patch of ground is marked in green. It will be observed that the continuity of the Trustees' boundary to the west and south is broken in by a plot of ground which has been marked in blue, and which measures 8,204 square yards. This belongs to Khan Bahadur Rastamji Jamaspji Ashburner, and is part of the estate fronting on Mount Road on which his house, a substantial upper-storied bungalow, stands. The remaining area of his estate up to Mount Road measures 19,424 square yards.

The two first plots of ground—
30,287
3,592

33,879 square yards, might, I think, be acquired for Rs. 5 a square yard. But the outlying plot—8,204 square yards—of Mr. Ashburner's ground could not be obtained, I fear, for less than Rs. 7, even if it could be got at all, for I think a Court would probably compel us to buy his whole estate, measuring 8,204+19,424=27,628 square yards. This area, added to that already given, *viz.*, 33,879 square yards, gives a gross total of 61,507 square yards. Assuming that the whole could be bought for Rs. 5 a square yard, including all fixtures except the Mazagon Manufacturing Company's wall, which would have to be separately paid for, the cost would be—land Rs. 3,07,535, wall Rs. 5,560, filling Rs. 67,000, or a total of Rs. 3,80,095. I think a gross cost of at least four lakhs ought to be anticipated, as there will be incidental expenses connected with

enclosing and demarcating the ground, though, on the other hand, the whole area will not require to be filled in for many years. Assuming, therefore, that the Tank Bandar site will cost Rs. 4,00,000, or Rs. 1¼ lakh more than the Mount Estate, the question is whether it is worth the difference. It is quite as conveniently situated as the latter, having regard to the requirements of the communities it is desired to serve, and is decidedly better situated with reference to the neighbourhood. Indeed, I apprehend no serious objection from owners of neighbouring properties. It is for the Corporation to decide whether this advantage—undoubtedly a very great one—is worth the extra cost. The Tank Bandar site is quite out of the way of large residential properties, and is bounded on one side by a road which is bounded by the sea. I have said that if Mr. Ashburner insists on it, I think the Corporation would be compelled to purchase his whole estate ; and it is on the supposition that the whole estate will be added to the burial ground that the foregoing figures are based. An area of about 60,000 square yards has been hitherto thought necessary for burial purposes in this locality. The 30,287 square yards belonging to the Port Trustees, with 3,592 belonging to the Mazagon Manufacturing Company, total 33,879, would not, in my judgment, be sufficient. If 8,204 square yards of Mr. Ashburner's land were added, the area would then be 42,083 square yards, and this might perhaps do ; but these 8,204 square yards would cost at least Rs. 8 a square yard, and the owner has intimated that he would demand as conditions that we should build a 15' high wall between this plot and the rest of his property, and enter into an undertaking to commence burials in the north-east corner of the Port Trust land and come to his ground last of all. Such a stipulation it is impossible to entertain, and I have little or no doubt we should or shall be obliged to buy the whole estate up to Mount Road. But we could probably put the western part of it for many years to useful purposes, such as stables, ward offices, &c., and the money would yield a return.

I wish only to add that, if the Corporation decide to acquire this Tank Bandar site, I think the Beni-Israelites may be provided with the ground they want out of it, and that the proposal to send them to DeLisle Road should be negatived.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq. :—

No. 3978.

"That the following letters from the Commissioner and petitions on the subject of providing a burial ground for the Mahomedan and Beni-Israel communities be referred to a Committee for report ; the Committee to consist of Mr. G. Cotton, Chairman, Mr. Roughton, the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. S. O'B. Banks, Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Mr.

D. E. Wacha, the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, Mr. Rebsch*:—

Letter No. 3887*a*, dated 25th May 1893, from the Commissioner, submitting further report called for by the Corporation, in its resolution No. 8921, dated 21st November 1892, on the subject of the acquisition of the Mount Estate for burial purposes.†

Further letter No. 6666, dated 1st July 1893, from the Commissioner, reporting on the above question.

Letter to the President, dated 7th June 1893, from Mr. Heerjee Hunsraz, for Messrs. Cooverjee Heerjee & Co., on the question of the purchase of land on the east side of Mount Road, belonging to Mr. Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, C.S.I., for the purpose of the opening of a burial ground.

Letter to the President, dated 12th June 1893, from Mr. David Solomon, forwarding petition from Messrs. Joseph Ezekiel, J.P., Judah Aaron, and nine others, bringing to notice the necessity of a new burial ground for the Beni-Israel community, protesting against the site proposed for the purpose at DeLisle Road, and requesting that a site may be secured in Mazagon or at Tank Bunder.

Letter to the Secretary, dated 22nd June 1893, from Mr. Sorabjee Ardashir Khumbata, forwarding petition to the President, dated 20th idem, from Messrs. George E. Pilcher, J. H. Ingham, and twenty-six others, protesting against the proposal to convert the site of land known as Merwan Baug at Victoria Road into a burial ground for the Mahomedan community.

Letters, dated 6th July 1893, from Mr. Joseph Ezekiel and Messrs. Cooverjee Heerjee & Co. on the above subject; also petitions, dated 10th, 17th and 18th July 1893, from Mr. Govind Anant Desoy and others; Messrs. N. B. Fakeerajee, J. E. Sassoon and others; and Mr. Jafferbhoy Ludabhoy Chuttoo and others, on the same subject.

Letter No. 2100, dated 1st May 1893, from the Commissioner, recommending the Corporation to sanction, with re-

* The name of Mr. Rebsch was added to the list on the suggestion of Mr. Roughton. Captain Walshe proposed the addition of the name of Mr. Cowasjee Hormusjee, but the proposer of the amendment was anxious not to make the Committee very large.

† *See* Proceedings of the Corporation, dated 12th June 1893.

ference to their resolution No. 8921, dated 21st November 1892, the acquisition, for the purpose of a burial ground for the Beni-Israel community at a total cost of Rs. 37,058, (including filling in of the land and construction of a wall round the same), of a plot of ground at DeLisle Road as shown scored in red on the tracing submitted, admeasuring 5,422 square yards, or thereabouts. The amount to be advanced from loan or available balances, to be adjusted against a loan to be raised for the purpose."

Carried.

Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

No. 3979. "That the consideration of his notice, as follows, be postponed till the next meeting :—

" 'That the mortality returns of the City being unsatisfactory, a Committee (to be named at the meeting) be appointed to suggest the best means of improving the same. The Committee to have the power of calling for Municipal persons and papers.'"

The motion was seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., and

Carried.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to pro-

No. 3980. duce all the correspondence in connection with the tenders recently invited for the supply of stoneware pipes by the Drainage Engineer."

The motion was seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta.

On a division, the motion was *carried*, the votes being 14 *for* and 4 *against*.

On the application of A. G. Viegas, Esq., priority was given to his notice of motion on the subject of the large pool of water between St. Xavier's Branch School and Elphinstone High School and of the flooding of the Cruikshank Road and of the Parel Road during the monsoon.

Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That the attention of the Municipal Commissioner be drawn to the large pool of water between St. Xavier's Branch School and Elphinstone High School and to the flooding, during the monsoon, of the Cruikshank Road and

of the Parel Road opposite the new Byculla Station, and also near the junction of Kalachauki Road, with a view to his proposing, and, if he can, taking such steps as are possible to prevent the same."

G. W. Roughton, Esq., invited the attention of the Chairman to the want of a quorum. The number of members present being only 17, the Chairman adjourned the meeting for want of a quorum and fixed Monday, the 31st instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 31*st July* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 10th instant and adjourned from the 20th idem), held this day, there were present :—

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; THE HON. MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FAZULBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MANEKSHAH J. TALAYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B., G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the ACTING SECRETARY.

On the motion of Karsandas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalvad, Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq., was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th instant, were signed.

Proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

"That, with reference to the Commissioner's letter No. 6463, dated 29th June 1893, and the resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 3113, dated 5th July 1893, the Corporation are of opinion that it is necessary, in order to meet the convenience of the

No. 4235.

public, to retain the goat and sheep market at DeLisle Road, but it is desirable to put it upon a proper basis and under proper control ; and that the course, proposed by the Commissioner, appears to be the best one to adopt in the interest of the public and Municipal revenue.

"That the Standing Committee be requested to recommend the necessary financial provision, if funds are available, to effect the necessary reforms during the current year, and if not, to make the necessary allotment in the Budget Estimates for 1894-95."*

Amendment proposed by Nanabhoy N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That the sheep and goat market at DeLisle Road be abolished."

Not seconded.

Second amendment, proposed by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

"That the letter from the Municipal Commissioner be recorded, and that the consideration of the matter be postponed *sine die.*"

Not seconded.

On a division, the original motion was *carried,* the votes being 13 *for* and 2 *against.*

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. P. M. Mehta, seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner be requested to report on the following :—Letter No. 278, dated 28th June 1893, from the Secretary, Joint Schools Committee, to the Municipal Secretary, requesting the Corporation to reserve for the Byculla Vernacular School a site on the Municipal vacant ground at Haines Road, opposite the Ripon Mill. That the ground to be reserved must be sufficient to accommodate 200 pupils in the building that may hereafter be erected thereon."

No. 4236.

Carried.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the report of the Health Officer for the 1st quarter of 1893 be *recorded.*"†

Carried.

* See pages 137 to 140 of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 5th July 1893.

† See Appendix.

Considered the following :—

MEMO. No. 6195 OF 1893-94.

The accompanying report, on the working of the Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary for the year 1892, is forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to the second para. of Corporation Resolution No. 11576 of 2nd February 1893.

H. A. ACWORTH,
Commissioner.

BOMBAY, *26th June* 1893.

JAFFER SULLIMAN DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—ANNUAL REPORT, 1892.

Conservancy and Water-supply.—The drains are connected with the main street sewer, and the conservancy is in every way good and the water-supply abundant.

Hospital Buildings.—These are now complete, new latrines and good servants' quarters having been added since the main building was finished.

Attendance of Patients.—The average daily attendance was 123·5, and the number of new patients entered on the register 9,885.

Prevailing Diseases.—By far the largest number of cases treated were those suffering from diseases peculiar to women, next in order, diseases of the respiratory and digestive systems. It will be seen by reference to Statements Nos. III. and IV. that more than half the adults were treated for gynæcological complaints.

Surgical Operations.—It will be seen from the large number of minor surgical operations that the work is not such as can be hurried through. There were 8,545 minor operations during the year, and the number of these is rapidly increasing. In January the minor operations numbered 171 and went on steadily increasing, until in November they numbered 780 and in December 902.

Conduct of Establishment.—Miss Annie Walke, L. M. & S., has had charge of the dispensary during the entire year as Acting Second Physician, Cama Hospital, until November 7th, when she was confirmed in the appointment. The statistics quoted above are sufficient testimony to the zeal she has shown in the discharge of her duties, which she performs without assistance.

Cost.—The total expenditure during the year was Rs. 7,152-14-11.

EDITH PECHEY-PHIPSON, M.D.,
First Physician, Cama Hospital.

CIVIL HOSPITAL STATISTICS.

STATEMENT No. II,

Showing the number of In-door and Out-door Patients treated in the Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary at Bombay during the year 1892.

1	2	3	4												5				6
			In-door Patients.												Out-door Patients.				
			a	b	c	d	e	f	g		h				a	b	c	d	
Name of District.	Name of Civil Hospital.	Of what class.	Total treated during the year.	Number cured.	Number relieved.	Discharged otherwise.	Died.	Ratio of deaths per cent. to total treated.	Number of beds available.		Daily average number.				Number treated.			Average daily attendance.	Total number of patients treated both in-door and out-door.
									Male.	Female.	Men.	Women.	Children.*	Total.	Attended personally.	Represented by friends.	Total treated.		
	Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	....	...	9,885	..	9,885	123·5	.....
	Total ..	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	....	..	9,885	..	9,885	123·5	.....

NOTE.—The "total treated" (columns 4 and 5-c) should include both those remaining from the previous year and those admitted during the year under report. The "total treated" means the number of cases.
If the same person attends ten days, he is not to be counted ten times; if he re-appears as a fresh case, he would be counted again.
Column 4-g should show the number of patients the Hospital can properly accommodate.
* All under twelve years of age to be counted as "children."

STATEMENT No. III.

Showing the diseases of the In-door and Out-door Patients treated in the Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary at Bombay during the year 1892.

| 1 | 2 | JAFFER SULLIMAN DISPENSARY. | | |

STATEMENT No. III A.

Showing the Result of the MINOR OPERATIONS performed in the Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary at Bombay during the year 1892.

Disease for which Operation was performed.		Name of Operation.	Remaining on 31st December 1891.	Performed during the year.	Total.	Result.				Remaining under treatment.	REMARKS.
No.	Name.					Cured.	Relieved.	Discharged otherwise.	Died.		
		Cauterization of cervex uteri		5,027	5,027						
		Introduction of pessaries		459	459						
		Passing catheter ..		69	69						
		Passing sound ..		2,943	2,943						
		Opening abscesses ..		46	46						
		Extracting teeth ..		1	1						
		Total ..		8,545	8,545						

CIVIL HOSPITAL STATISTICS.

STATEMENT No. IV.

Showing the Classes and Sexes of the In-door and Out-door Patients treated in the Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary at Bombay during the year 1892.

1	2				3							4							
Name of Civil Hospital.	TOTAL TREATED DURING THE YEAR.				CLASSES.							DAILY ATTENDANCE.							
					a	b	c	d	e	f	g	Average Number.				Ratio per cent. of			
	Men.	Women.	Children.*	Total.	Europeans.	Eurasians.	Hindus.	Musulmans.	Parsis.	Native Christians.	Other Classes.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary—																			
In-patients	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	....
Out-patients	..	6,676	3,209	9,885	169	280	4,646	3,409	566	651	164	..	94	29·5	123·5	..	76·1	23·9	100
Total ..	..	6,676	3,209	9,885	169	280	4,646	3,409	566	651	164	..	94	29·5	123·5	..	76·1	23·9	100

* All under twelve years of age.

DISPENSARY STATISTICS.

STATEMENT No. V, PART I.

Showing the current Income and Expenditure of the Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary at Bombay during the year 1892.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
Number.	Name of Institution.	INCOME.																			EXPENDITURE.																
		A	B								C		D	E	F		G	H	I	J	a						b	c	d	e	f	g	h			
			FROM GOVERNMENT.								FROM LOCAL OR OTHER FUNDS.				SUBSCRIPTIONS.							ON ESTABLISHMENT.															
			As salaries.																		Paid by Government.			Paid from Local sources.													
																					As salaries.			On salaries.												
		Cash balance on 1st January 1892.*	Medical Officers. †	Inferior Dispensary establishment (including menial servants). ‡	As Registers and Forms.	As European medicines.	For diet, including Police cases.	Sale of medicines supplied by Government.	Special allowances given by Government.	Total.	Local Funds.	Municipal Funds.	Interest on investments.	Sale of securities or withdrawal of deposits.	From Europeans.	From Natives.	For diet (by paying patients, &c.).	From sale of medicines not supplied by Government.	Miscellaneous Receipts. §	Total income.	Medical Officers. †	Compounders, Dressers, &c.	Menial servants.	Medical Officers. †	Compounders, Dressers, &c.	Menial servants.	On Bazar medicines.	On European medicines.	On diet.	On Miscellaneous charges (including registers, &c., supplied by Government). ¶	On buildings or repairs.	Invested during the year.	Total expenditure during the year.	Cash balance in hand on 31st December 1892.	Average cost of each diet.	Percentage of total cost paid by Government.
		Inferior Dispensary establishment (including menial servants). ‡																			Inferior Dispensary establishment (including menial servants). ‡															
1	Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary.	Rs. a. p.	4,505 8 9	1,405 0 0	30 4 10	846 1 2	....	....	306 0 2	7,162 14 11	....	3,000 0 0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10,162 14 11	4,505 8 9	325 0 0	1,080 0 0	....	....	....	37 2 0	846 1 2	....	3,123 1 0	236 2 0	....	10,162 14 11	....	....	100·0

* Full explanation should be furnished in a separate letter when the opening cash balance of the year under report does not tally with the closing cash balance of the previous year.

† In this column should be shown (1) the pay of Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, Apothecaries, Hospital Assistants and Native Doctors, *attached* to the Dispensary, including special dispensary allowance (if any), and (2) the special dispensary allowance given to Surgeons, Assistant Surgeons, Apothecaries, Hospital Assistants and Native Doctors for holding charge of the dispensary in addition to their ordinary civil work. The *pay* of Civil Surgeons or other Medical Officers holding charge of the dispensary in addition to other duties should not be shown at all in this statement..

‡ In this column should be shown the salaries of (1) compounders, dressers, nurses (if any), &c., (2) menial servants, *e.g.*, cooks, sweepers, chaukidars, &c.

§ To be specified by a foot-note.

¶ State how much is remitted to Government Treasury and on what account, whether for sale of unserviceable articles, Hospital stoppages or what. Includes Rs. 3,000, being the contribution by the Municipality remitted into the Treasury.

STATEMENT No. V, PART II.

Showing the ACCOUNT of INVESTED CAPITAL during the year 1892.

Name of Civil Hospital.	Balance on 1st January.	Invested during the year.	Total.	Securities sold.	Deposits withdrawn.	Balance on 31st December.
Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary ...	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

STATEMENT showing the admissions from VENEREAL DISEASES into the JAFFER SULLIMAN DISPENSARY for the year 1892.

Bombay, 189 .

Name of Hospital or Dispensary and Diseases.	EUROPEAN.									NATIVE.									TOTAL.								
	IN-DOOR.			OUT-DOOR.			TOTAL.			IN-DOOR.			OUT-DOOR.			TOTAL.			IN-DOOR.			OUT-DOOR.			TOTAL.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary—																											
Primary Syphilis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	30	...	30	30	...	...	...	...	30	30	...	30	30
Secondary Syphilis....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	232	232	...	232	232	...	...	...	...	232	232	...	232	232
Ulcer of Penis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gonorrhœa ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Venereal Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	262	262	...	262	262	...	...	...	...	262	262	...	262	262

Population... ... ...
Ratio per mille of the total admission from Venereal Diseases ...

Medical Officer in charge.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdalla Kur, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 6195, dated 26th June 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding, with reference to the resolution of the Corporation, No. 11576, dated 2nd February 1893, the report on the working of the Jaffer Sulliman Dispensary for the year 1892."

No. 4238.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

Monthly Return of Patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, for the month of May 1893.

No.	Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	8	10	18	6	8	9	18
2	Chicken-pox	...	2	2	1	...	1	2
3	Measles	1	...	1	1	...	...	1
4	Cholera	...	11	11	6	4	1	11
	Total ...	9	23	32	14	7	11	32

1*st June* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge I. D. Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 7955 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 3*rd June* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner for information.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 4779 OF 7*th June* 1892-93.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Modi, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 4779, dated 7th June 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding return of patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road during the month of May 1893."

No. 4239.

Considered the following :—

No. 7013 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 27*th May* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—Referring to the Government Resolution No. 3097 of the 15th September 1890, Financial Department, received under your No. 12802 of the 20th idem, in regard to the payment of pension contribution on my salary, I have the honor to respectfully suggest that as alterations in the Municipal Act are being considered, a recommendation, if you approve of it, be made to Government to amend the Municipal Act, so that the contribution may be paid by the Municipality on my behalf. I have refrained for obvious reasons from drawing attention until now to the matter, but I feel I may do so now.—I have, &c.,

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 4238 OF 30*th May* 1893.

Copy forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for the information of the Corporation.

A further amendment of the Act will shortly be under consideration. It would be a very simple matter to add an amendment dealing with Dr. Weir's case.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. P. M. Mehta, seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

"That the following be referred back to the Commissioner with reference to the second para. of the Corporation resolution No. 2840, dated 22nd June 1893, asking him to include it in the list of amendments.

No. 4240.

"Memorandum No. 4238, dated 30th May 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding copy of letter No. 7013, dated 27th idem, from the Health Officer, on the subject of the payment of pension contribution on his salary."

Carried unanimously.

Considered letter No. 5874, dated 21st June 1893, from the Commissioner, to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—Referring to Corporation resolution No. 4595 of 14th August 1890, I have the honour to say that the Britannia Mill has so far carried out the work therein specified as in the opinion of the Executive Engineer to leave work of the value of Rs. 8,756-8-0 yet to be done. The value of the work done amounts to Rs. 4,257. The Mill now takes exception to this further expenditure, but offers a sum of Rs. 5,000 in full satisfaction of all claims against them, intimating that if this offer is not accepted the proprietors will construct a separate road altogether by which they can connect their Mill to a public street for a sum of Rs. 3,500. I think the offer of the Mill had better be accepted. The Executive Engineer points out that there is no likelihood that the Municipality will complete the road within 12 years, and by that time the sum offered will at a compound interest be sufficient. I have instructed the Executive Engineer accordingly to accept the sum of Rs. 5,000, subject to confirmation by the Corporation.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq , seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

" That, as applied for by the Commissioner, in his letter No. 5874, dated 21st June 1893, and with reference to the resolution of the Coporation No. 4595, dated 14th August 1890, sanction be given to the acceptance of the offer from the Britannia Mills Company, Limited, of Rs. 5,000 in full satisfaction of all claims against the Company, for the construction of a road on the Tulsi pipe-line from the south side of Fergusson Road to Haines Road."

No. 4241.

Carried.

Proposed by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

" That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the Acting Municipal Secretary, dated 19th June 1893, from the Honorary Secretary to the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, forwarding copy of the annual report of the working of the institute for the year ending 31st March 1893."

Rider proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

" That the institute be requested to supply 72 copies of the report free of cost for distribution to the members of the Corporation."

The rider was accepted as a part of the original motion.

Amendment, proposed by K. N. Kabraji, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 4242. "That the letter and report be *recorded*."

On a division, the amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion, the votes being 13 *for* and 7 *against*.

In accordance with notice, it was—

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 4243. "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to inform the Corporation why the proposed system of watering roads by means of hose and standpipes is not yet introduced, although a sum of Rs. 5,947 was provided for the experiment in the Budget for 1892-93, a further sum of Rs. 6,000 was included for the same purpose in the Budget for 1893-94."

The motion was seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq. and *Carried*.

Karsondas Chabildas, Esq., raised the point of order as to whether under rule 20 of the rules for the conduct of business, the following notice of motion from the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram was in order, inasmuch as a similar question was disposed of by the Corporation on the 19th June last, and 3 months have not lapsed to permit of the question being reconsidered.

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit, in consultation with Mr. Stevens and Mr. Wimbridge, a scheme for furnishing the Municipal Hall, including therein, so far as may be, the new furniture, with such alterations and additions as may be found necessary to meet the requirements of the Corporation."

The Chairman ruled that the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram's motion was out of order, as it was substantially a modification of a motion on the subject of the furniture which had been disposed of by the Corporation at their meeting on the 19th June, and that the period of three months specified by rule 20 of the rules for the conduct of business had not yet elapsed.

In accordance with notice, it was—

Proposed by Cowasji Pestonji, Esq.—

"1. That, when the disinfecting chambers are ready for use, the Municipal Commissioner be requested to inform the Medical Officers in charge of 'Albless Obstetric Hospital, Parsi Lying-in Asylum, Bai Motlibai Obstetric

Hospital, and the Obstetric Institution at the St. George's Hospital,' that the bedding and clothing of patients and attendants of these institutions will be disinfected *gratis* by the Municipality.

"2. That the public also be informed to the same effect by suitable advertisements in English and the vernaculars."

The motion was seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.

With the permission of the Chairman and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Cowasji Pestonji was allowed to *withdraw* the motion.

The consideration of the following notice, proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., was resumed*:—

"That the attention of the Municipal Commissioner be drawn to the large pool of water between St Xavier's Branch School and Elphinstone High School and to the flooding, during the monsoon, of the Cruikshank Road and of the Parel Road opposite the new Byculla Station, and also near the junction of Kalachauki Road, with a view to his proposing and, if he can, taking such steps as are possible to prevent the same."

The motion was seconded by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq.

Carried.

As Mr. A. G. Viegas, who had given notice of the following motion, was not present, and as no Councillor took it up, it was allowed to drop :—

"That the mortality returns of the City being unsatisfactory, a Committee (to be named at the meeting) be appointed to suggest the best means of improving the same. The Committee to have the power of calling for Municipal persons and papers."

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, *7th August* 1893.

AT the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Corporation held this day, there were present:—

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M.&S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'H. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; HAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHA AWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.: BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; THE HON'BLE MR. HIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; .; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVE-

* *See* Proceedings of the Corporation of 20th July 1893, page 134.

CHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

On the motion of Karsondas Chabildas, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq., was voted to the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st ultimo, were signed.

On the application of Brigade-Surgeon Lt.-Col. Banks, the Chairman, with the consent of the meeting, gave priority to the following notice of motion.

Proposed by Brigade-Surgeon Lt.-Col. Banks—

No. 4449. "That the Commissioner be requested to report whether he has taken any steps in regard to obtaining the services of a Consulting Engineer for Drainage, referred to in the Corporation's resolution No. 1199, dated 9th of May 1892, and whether Mr. Baldwin Latham was consulted in the matter, and, if so, with what result."

The motion was seconded by Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, Esq., and *carried*, the votes being 19 *for* and 2 *against*.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

No. 4450. "That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 2,092-8-0, from savings in the Budget grant for conservancy, 10, Halalkhor Branch, C, feed of bullocks, to same head, 2, labour, A, scavengering, feed of bullocks, to meet excess consequent on 30 extra scavengering carts being engaged for special sanitary work."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 4451. "That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 738-7-6, from savings in the Budget grant

for conservancy, A, 1, Superintendence and Inspection, C, II, Labour, B, drain cleaning, C-X, Halalkhor Branch, A, superintendence, to same head, II, Labour, A, scavengering, to meet the amount of scavengering charges payable to the Tramway Company."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 4452. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 4024, dated 25th July 1893, from the Acting Municipal Secretary, reporting the Budget transfers, sanctioned by the Standing Committee on the 5th idem, amounting to Rs. 657."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq.—

No. 4453. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 4032, dated 26th July 1893, sanction be given to the writing off of Rs. 1,683-14-6, from the live stock return of the Health Department, being the book value of 26 bullocks that died during the quarter ending 31st May 1893."

Carried (with one dissentient).

Proposed by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh, seconded by Ebrahim Rahimtula, Esq.—

No. 4454. "That, as applied for by the Commissioner, in his letters Nos. 2237 and 5458, dated 2nd May and 15th June 1893, respectively, sanction be given, under section 67 (*b*) of the Municipal Act, to his arranging with the Postal Department for an alternate daily postal service to Tansa on payment of Rs. 10 per mensem. The amount to be met from the grant for contingencies, Water Works."*

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

No. 4455. "That the consideration of the following be deferred till the September meeting of the Corporation :—Letter No. 7607, dated 13th July 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding, with reference to the

* *See* Proceedings of the Corporation, dated 12th June and 17th July 1893.

Corporation's resolution No. 2411, dated 12th June 1893, letter No. 7962, dated 10th July 1893, from the Postmaster-General, on the subject of the rent demanded by the Corporation for the ground occupied by post boxes."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 2229.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT,
Bombay Castle, 24th June 1893.

Letter from the Secretary and Curator, Victoria and Albert Museum, Bombay, No. 1016, dated 14th March 1889, expressing his views on the question as to the expediency and practicability of the formation of a Mercantile and Trade Museum in Bombay on the model of those in Germany.

Letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, No. 2-387, dated 16th July 1889, stating that the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, after consideration of the subject of the proposal to establish a Mercantile and Trade Museum in Bombay, have arrived at the conclusion that it is not practicable at present to establish in Bombay a Trade Museum of the nature and scope of the Museums in Germany; making remarks; and adding that the Board is of opinion that the scheme is not practicable, and that they do not, therefore, consider there is any useful end to be gained by entering on details unless Government are prepared to supply the necessary funds.

Letter from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, dated 1st August 1889, stating that the views of the Committee of the Chamber are exactly in keeping with those expressed in the letter of the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, and that they do not consider it practicable at present to establish a Trade Museum in Bombay.

Letter from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 10916, dated 26th September 1889.

Letter from the Secretary and Curator, Victoria and Albert Museum, Bombay, No. 936, dated 7th January 1890, submitting a detailed scheme for the establishment of a Mercantile and Trade Museum in Bombay.

Memorandum from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 18520, dated 1st February 1890, forwarding the above letter.

Memorandum from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 20491, dated 12th March 1890, forwarding a report, No. 1087, dated 4th March 1890, from the Secretary and Curator, Victoria and Albert Museum, on the points raised in Government memorandum No. 897, dated 26th February 1890,

and stating that no important change can be made in the Museum arrangements without Municipal sanction and that the Corporation are not pledged to the retention of the present Museum staff beyond six months from any date on which intimation may be given that their services are not required.

Letter from the Accountant-General, No. P. A.—780, dated 14th April 1890, stating that since the transfer from 1st October 1885 of the Victoria and Albert Museum to the Bombay Municipality, all charges in connection with the institution are paid by that body and that a deduction of Rs. 8,976 per annum is made from the contribution payable by the Municipality towards the cost of the Bombay Police ; intimating that it is for Government to decide whether or not the Municipality should be asked to pay the additional expenditure on account of the proposed establishment and whether a deduction of an equal amount be allowed from the contribution to be paid by that body towards the cost of the Police ; adding that as the Curator is a Government Officer, lent to the Bombay Municipality, the sanction of the Government of India to the proposed increase to his pay appears to be necessary on the analogy of Articles 807 and 810, Civil Service Regulations.

Letter from the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 4218, dated 6th August 1890.

Letter from the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 12287, dated 23rd February 1891.

Letter from the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 8689, dated 9th November 1891.

Letter from the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 13974, dated 14th March 1892 :—

"With reference to letter No. 352, General Department, dated 5th February 1892, I have the honour to inform you that at the meeting of the Corporation, held on the 10th instant, the following resolution was passed :—

"'That the President be requested to inform Government with reference to Mr. Chief Secretary Mackenzie's letter No. 352, General Department, dated 5th February last, that the Corporation agree to make a grant towards the moiety of the cost of the proposed Trades Museum not exceeding Rs. (100) one hundred a month. The Corporation desire to add in reference to the last statement of the letter that it must be understood that they are not prepared to incur any expenditure beyond the Rs. (100) one hundred a month for the term of 5 years.'"

Letter to the Government of India, No. 1587, dated 14th May 1892 :—

"The question of establishing a Mercantile and Trade Museum in Bombay on the model of those in Germany has been under the consideration of this Government for some

time past. Dr. D. MacDonald, Secretary and Curator of the Victoria and Albert Museum at Bombay, who was consulted in the matter, proposes to work a Trade Museum in conjunction with the Victoria and Albert Museum and to locate it in the same building as the latter, utilizing the staff thereof with certain additions. The additional establishment is estimated to cost about Rs. 2,400 a year. It has been ascertained that there will be ample space in the Victoria and Albert Museum for the new Museum, especially at the outset. The raw products and such artware as the Victoria and Albert Museum has been able up to date to collect will constitute the nucleus of the new Museum. On a careful consideration of the reports submitted by Dr. MacDonald, His Excellency the Governor in Council is convinced of the advantages resulting to the commerce of the country from the establishment of such an institution, and is disposed to sanction the scheme proposed by him. The Municipal Corporation, Bombay, has consented to make a grant equal to a moiety of the proposed increased cost not exceeding Rs. 100 per mensem for a period of five years.

"2. In consideration of the additional duties that will devolve on the Curator, Victoria and Albert Museum, it is proposed to increase that officer's pay by Rs. 100 per mensem. Dr. MacDonald's present salary is Rs. 700 per mensem, made up as follows :—

Professor of Botany, Grant Medical College	...	Rs. 200
Professor of Biology, Elphinstone College ...	...	„ 300
Secretary and Curator, Victoria and Albert Museum		„ 200
		Rs. 700

He further receives at present Rs. 300 per mensem as Registrar of the Bombay University. The appointment is a biennial one, the holder of it being, however, always eligible for re-election by the Senate. I am directed to request that you will be so good as to move the Government of India to obtain the sanction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State to the grant of the increase. The proposed increase is included in the extra charge of Rs. 2,400 per annum above referred to."

Letter from the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Museums and Exhibitions), No. 1424—36, dated 13th June 1892 :—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1587, dated 14th ultimo, regarding the establishment of a Mercantile and Trade Museum in Bombay.

"2. In reply I am to inform you that it is intended that a Conference should be held in Simla in August next to consider

the question of the maintenance and improvement of Indian Art Industries and the connection of Museums therewith, which it is hoped that Dr. MacDonald may be able to attend. The Government of India, although not unwilling to support the proposal submitted in your letter, would prefer to postpone their final decision regarding it until after the Conference and until they have had an opportunity of reading Dr. MacDonald's reports, which, I am to ask, may be forwarded for their perusal."

Memorandum from the Educational Department, No. 1553, dated 23rd July 1892—Stating that Government in that Department have no objection to the deputation of Mr. Griffiths and Dr. MacDonald to Simla to attend the Conference to be held there in August next to consider the question of the maintenance and improvement of Indian Art Industries and the connection of Museums therewith ; and making remarks.

Telegram from the Government of India, Revenue Department, dated 25th July 1892—

"Your letter No. 2446, dated 16th instant. Art Conference will not be held in Simla next month ; but at Lahore some time next year. Letter follows."

Resolution of the Government of India, No. 34—43, dated 20th July 1892, on the question of the restoration and maintenance of a higher standard in the artware manufactures of the country.

Letter to the Government of India, No. 2649, dated 1st August 1892.

Letter from the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 5538, dated 25th August 1892, stating, with reference to Government letter No. 2704, dated 4th idem, that, provided no additional cost is thrown on the Municipality, the Corporation have no objection to the attendance of the Curator, Victoria and Albert Museum, at the Conference proposed to be held in Lahore next year to consider the question of the maintenance and improvement of Indian Art Industries and the connection of Museums therewith.

Letter from the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Museums and Exhibitions), No. 2398-36, dated 26th August 1892.

Resolution of Government in the Educational Department, No. 1957, dated 13th September 1892.

Telegram from the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated 10th January 1893.

"Please see Resolution No. 34—43, dated 20th July 1892. Art Conference will not take place for the present. Lahore Exhibition postponed till December 1893."

Letter from the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. 285—15, dated 25th January 1893:—

"In continuation of correspondence ending with Mr. Maclagan's letter No. 2398—36, dated 26th August 1892, on

the proposal to establish a Trade Museum in conjunction with the Victoria and Albert Museum, I am to intimate that, in consequence of the postponement of the Art Conference at Lahore, of which the Bombay Government was advised in my telegram No. 156, dated 12th instant, the subject cannot be now dealt with as suggested in the letter of August.

"2. As, however, Mr. Thurston, Superintendent of the Madras Government Museum, and now officiating as Reporter on Economic Products, will shortly be required, in connection with collections for the Imperial Institute, to visit Bombay, I am to suggest that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor, that officer may be allowed to discuss the subject with such authorities as the Bombay Government may wish, and, if so desired, to submit a note on the subject for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

"3. I am to add that this course commends itself to the Government of India in view of the desirability of setting on foot all arrangements for the promotion of Indian trade and commerce connected with Museums on an organised and systematic plan. It seems, for instance, advisable that the basis of all commercial collections should be the Dictionary of Economic Products which has been prepared in a form adapting it to be a descriptive catalogue of commercial collection in Museums. It has been accepted as such at the Imperial Institute as well as in the Indian Museum at Calcutta. It has also been determined that investigation connected with Economic Products should in future years, both in England, where it will be conducted by the Imperial Institute authorities, and in India, where it will be maintained by the Reporter on Economic Products, be referred to collections based upon the Dictionary of Economic Products.

"4. The Museum at Madras will, on its commercial side, probably be brought into close connection with the Economic Courts at Calcutta and the Imperial Institute, and enquiries instituted in Madras made in continuous communication with the Economic Reporter's Office. Mr. Thurston, who is now engaged in arranging the Court of Economic Products in the Indian Museum, will be in a position to explain in what way it is expected that the Provincial Museum at Madras and the National Museum at Calcutta should, at the same time that they do independent work, be made to co-operate and to develop a uniform system, on the understanding that this condition does not imply any sort of dependence or subordination of the Provincial Museum authorities to the Central Office. Possibly some similar plan may commend itself to the Government of Bombay.

"5. If His Excellency the Governor in Council accepts the suggestions made in the preceding paragraphs, the Government of India will await a further communication from the Bombay Government when they have considered any

reports which may be submitted in connection with Mr. Thurston's discussions with the local authorities. I am only to add that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council would be glad to be assured, when any further scheme is submitted, that it is likely to be accepted as useful to the commercial community."

Letter to the Government of India, No. 466, dated 13th February 1893.

Resolution of Government in the Educational Department, No. 364, dated 21st February 1893, forwarding extract paragraph 6 from a letter from the Director of Public Instruction, No. 561, dated 7th January 1893; observing that Government in that Department see no particular advantage in transferring the duty of establishing a Trades Museum from Dr. MacDonald, who has been working at the idea for some time, to the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, as proposed by the Director; and making remarks.

Letter from Mr. E. Thurston, Officiating Reporter on Economic Products to the Government of India, No. 1—A., dated 24th February 1893, forwarding for the consideration of Government a memorandum on the proposed Bombay Mercantile and Trade Museum.

Letter from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 26309, dated 4th March 1893, forwarding, with reference to Government memorandum No. 464, dated 13th February 1893, a note by Dr. MacDonald on the question of the establishment of a Trade Museum in Bombay in conjunction with the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Letter from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, dated 21st April 1893, stating, with reference to Government letter No. 336, dated 17th idem, that on the scale suggested and located in an out-of-the-way situation like the Victoria and Albert Museum the scheme of a Trade Museum for Bombay would have none of the elements of success, and would not be likely to prove of any practical value to the commercial community.

Letter from the Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, dated 2nd June 1893:—

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1763 of the 18th ultimo, requesting the Chamber to favour Government with proposals as to the scale on which the proposed Trade Museum should be started, as also on the question of a site, &c.

"2. In reply, I am directed to say that, while deeply sensible of the courteous consideration shown by Government in thus soliciting the views of the Chamber, the Committee are of opinion that the question of erecting a Trade Meseum in Bombay has not sufficient interest for the members of the Chamber to induce them to formulate a scheme on the subject."

RESOLUTION.—Ordered that the following letter be addressed to the Government of India :—

"With reference to the correspondence ending with this Government letter No. 466, dated 13th February last, on the proposal to establish a Trade Museum in Bombay in conjunction with the Victoria and Albert Museum, I am directed to forward copies of the papers* noted in the margin, and to state, with reference to paragraph 5 of your letter No. 285—15, dated 25th January 1893, that in view of the decided opinion expressed by the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, in their letters, dated 31st April and 2nd June last, His Excellency the Governor in Council is unable at present to suggest any scheme for the establishment of a Trade Museum in Bombay which would be acceptable to the commercial community."

* Note by Mr. Thurston, Officiating Reporter on Economic Products to the Government of India, dated 24th February 1893.

Note by Dr. MacDonald, Secretary and Curator, Victoria and Albert Museum, Bombay, dated 28th February 1893.

Letter from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, dated 21st April 1893.

Letter from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, dated 2nd June 1893.

W. L. HARVEY,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To

The Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay,
The Educational Department of the Secretariat.

No. 6701 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *3rd July* 1893.

Copy forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for the information of the Corporation.

H. A. ACWORTH,
Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

No. 4456. "That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 6701, dated 30th July 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding Government Resolution No. 2229, General Department, dated 24th June 1893, on the subject of the proposed establishment of a mercantile and trades museum in Bombay."

Carried.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq.—

No. 4457. "That the consideration of item No. 8 on the agenda paper and of the notice of motion relating thereto be postponed until Monday next."

Carried (with one dissentient).

Considered the following :—

Monthly Return of sick treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road for the month of June 1893.

No.	Diseases.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	9	5	14	8	2	4	14
2	Chicken-pox	1	...	1	1	...	...	1
3	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Cholera	1	3	4	2	1	1	4
	Total ...	11	8	19	11	3	5	19

1*st July* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 11508 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 4*th July* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner for information.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 6996 OF 6*th July* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

No. 4458. "That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 6996, dated 6th July 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding return of patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road during the month of June 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 4459. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 3812, dated 19th ultimo, sanction be given to the payment of Rs. 656-4-0, for the purchase of 8 acres and 30 gunthas of land from Mr. Purshotum Ganoba on the west side of Vehar Lake at the rate of Rs. 75 per acre, inclusive of the value of the

trees standing thereon. The cost to be met from the surplus of about 4½ lakhs which has accrued since the publication of the revised estimates for 1892-93."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotamdas, Esq.—

"That the report* of the Standing Committee relative to Government Resolution on the Municipal Commissioner's Administration Report for 1891-92 be approved and adopted, and that the President be requested to address Government in terms thereof."

Amendment moved by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

"That the two concluding paragraphs of the Report of the Standing Committee on Government Resolution No. 1246, General Department, dated 11th April 1893, be deleted, and that the report, as thus amended, be approved and adopted, and that the President be requested to address Government accordingly."

On the motion of Maneckshah J. Taleyarkhan, Esq., seconded by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq., it was agreed, by 24 votes *against* 13, that the meeting be adjourned.

The Chairman fixed Monday, the 14th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 14*th August* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 7th instant, and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present :—

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq.; B.A., LL.B.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

On the motion of Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq., Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq., was voted to the chair.

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* See Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 2nd August 1893.

The signing of the minutes of the meeting of the Corporation, held on the 7th instant, was postponed.

It was agreed on the motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq, that the meeting do adjourn to Monday, the 21st instant, at 3 P.M.

BOMBAY, 21*st August* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 7th instant and adjourned from the 14th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK, JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner ; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 7th and 14th instant were signed.

Considered again the following motion and amendment moved on the 7th instant :—

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

"That the report of the Standing Committee relative to Government Resolution on the Municipal Commissioner's Administration Report for 1891-92 be approved and adopted, and that the President be requested to address Government in terms thereof."

"*Amendment*, moved by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

"That the two concluding paragraphs of the report of the Standing Committee on Government Resolution No. 1246, General Department, dated 11th April 1893, be

deleted, and that the report, as thus amended, be approved and adopted, and that the President be requested to address Government accordingly."

Second amendment, now proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by George Cotton, Esq.—

No. 4826. "That the report of the Standing Committee be adopted, and that the President be requested to address Government in terms thereof up to the words "can be mastered," in para. 7, commencing the letter, "I am requested by the Corporation to communicate to Government the following remarks as to the observations contained in Government Resolution No. 1246, General Department, dated 11th April 1893, which observations the Corporation have been glad to welcome as friendly criticism."

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, the *first amendment* was withdrawn.

On a division, the *second amendment* was *carried* unanimously as a substantive motion.

In reference to the notice of motion from the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, which follows :—

Mr. Kaikhosro N. Kabraji raised the point of order that as on 1st July last the Chairman of the meeting ruled that a notice of motion by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram on the subject of the furnishing the new Municipal Hall was out of order, the notice it was now proposed to deal with was out of order.

The President ruled that the present notice of motion was in order. The proceedings of the 31st July referred to by Mr. Kabraji related to the refurnishing of the Hall, whereas the present notice was merely with reference to the cost of the furniture and the terms of the tenders for the supply thereof.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta—

No. 4827. "1. That the Commissioner be requested to furnish the Corporation with detailed information as to (1) the terms and conditions of the contract under which the furniture for the new Municipal Hall was made ; (2) the rates as to the platform, dais, desks, and chairs ; (3) whether there were other tenders and their rates ; and (4) whether the grant for the entire furniture of the Hall is exhausted or not.

2. That the consideration of the letter No. 7811, dated 17th ultimo, from the Commissioner, be postponed till the monthly meeting in October next."

In the absence of Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., the motion was seconded by Dinshaw E. Wacha, Esq., and *carried* with one dissentient.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

No. 4828. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 3119, dated 5th July 1893, sanction be given to the writing off of Rs. 354, being the value of 377 Building Certificates and of 331 Repair Forms, which have become useless on account of the new forms having to be printed in conformity with the Building By-laws."

Carried.

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Memorandum No. 8675, dated 27th July 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding correspondence relative to the tenders for the supply of stoneware pipes for the sewerage of Colaba."

Rider, moved by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble, Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

"And that the papers be printed and circulated to the members of the Corporation."

This rider was accepted as part of the original motion.

Amendment, moved by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.—

"That the papers forwarded with the Commissioner's memorandum No. 8675 be *recorded*."

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as under :—

	For.	*Against.*	
Amendment	16	19	*Lost.*
Original motion	21	14	*Carried.*

The motion, as thus carried, was as follows :—

No. 4829. "That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 8675, dated 27th July 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding correspondence relative to the tenders for the supply of stoneware pipes for the sewerage of Colaba, and that the papers be printed and circulated to the members of the Corporation."

The Corporation accorded sanction to a proposal made by Mr. Carroll to allow the two notices of motion given by him regarding unpaved footpaths and the filling in of pools, to be postponed until the monthly meeting in September.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That the mortality returns of the City being unsatisfactory, a Committee be appointed to enquire and suggest the best means of improving the same.

"The Committee to have the power of calling for Municipal persons and papers.

"Dr. Maconachie; Dr. Banks; Dr. Bhalchandra; Dr. Cowasjee Pestonjee; the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram; Dr. Deshmukh; Captain Walshe; Dr. Katrak; Mr. D. R. Chichgar; Dr. D'Monte, Dr. Viegas.*"

The motion was seconded by Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, Esq., but was *lost*, the votes being 4 *for* and 17 *against*.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, *7th September* 1893.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation, held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURG.-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL. B.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHAI, BART., C. S. I.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq. L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st ultimo, were signed.

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* The name of Mr. Viegas was added on the suggestion of Mr. Nanabhai N. Katrak.

Considered the following :—

No. 4781 OF 1893.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, *5th August 1893.*

To GEORGE COTTON, ESQ., J. P.,
Chairman, Bombay Municipal Corporation.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 3222, dated the 6th of July 1893, forwarding an address of congratulation from the Municipality of Bombay to His Royal Highness the Duke of York on the occasion of his marriage, and to inform you that the Government of India, to whom the address was forwarded, has intimated that it will be transmitted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India for presentation to His Royal Highness.—I have, &c., G. C. WHITWORTH, Acting Secretary to Government.

Proposed by Ardasir Dadabhai Mody, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, Esq.—

No. 5323. "That Government letter No. 4781, Political Department, dated 5th August 1893, be *recorded.*"

Carried.

Proposed by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

No. 5324. "That, in accordance with section 17 (*b*) of the Municipal Act, the Corporation accept the reason stated by Mr. W. R. Hamilton, in his letter, dated 28th July 1893, for his temporary absence from meetings of the Corporation for a period of three months, namely, his being on privilege leave.

"That, in accordance with section 17 (*b*) of the Act, the Corporation also accept the reason stated by Mr. S. Rebsch, in his letter, dated 3rd August 1893, for his temporary absence from meetings for a period of three months, namely, his being on privilege leave."

Carried.

Proposed by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq., seconded by Ardasir Dadabhai Mody, Esq.—

No. 5325. "That the following be *recorded* :—Notice, dated 19th August 1893, from the Municipal Secretary (in accordance with the Corporation's resolution

No. 1769, dated 12th December 1887), that the next appointment of Auditors to the Corporation will take place in March 1894."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, Esq.—

No. 5326. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, No. 4894, dated 24th August 1893, from the Municipal Secretary, reporting the Budget transfer, sanctioned by the Standing Committee, on the 16th idem, amounting to Rs. 400."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Bomonjee Pestonjee Master, Esq.—

No. 5327. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 4268, dated 2nd August 1893, sanction be given to the payment of Rs. 2,579, to meet the cost of laying a 9″ pipe sewer at Lal Baug, Parel Road. The cost to be met out of savings on the work of laying pipe sewers in Parel village."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

No. 5328. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 4512, dated 9th August 1893, and having regard to the desirability of carrying out the improvement in question at as early a date as practicable, the Corporation accord their sanction to the expenditure of Rs. 16,000, from surplus cash balance, for the cost of providing a sheep and goat market at DeLisle Road."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nowrojee Jehangir Gamadia, Esq.—

No. 5329. "That, as recommended by the Standing Commitee, in their resolution No. 4515, dated 9th August 1893, and under the terms of section 90 of the Municipal Act, sanction be given to the purchase of the following pieces of ground at the undermentioned rates; re-

quired in connection with the construction of the Falkland Road overbridge, *viz.*:—

From the Jivraj Balu Mill Co.

233·42 square yards, at Rs. 8 per square yard ...	Rs.	1,867·36
Value of compound wall and conduit	,,	1,632·64
	Rs.	3,500

From the Manockji Petit Mill Co.

5·69 square yards, at Rs. 8 per square yard ...	Rs.	45·52
Cost of rebuilding front portion of the chawl and side-wall.	,,	244
Capitalized value for loss of rent...	,,	400
	Rs.	689·52
Or, say	Rs.	690

From Mr. Dorabji Kavasji Davar.

125 square yards, at Rs. 8 per square yard ...	Rs.	1,000
Value of the chawl	,,	1,531
Cost of rebuilding the compound wall and cesspool.	,,	435
Removing and refixing service pipes	,,	10
Value of trees	,,	82
Compensation for loss of compound	,,	942
	Rs.	4,000

"That sanction be also given to an advance of Rs. 12,000, from surplus or other available funds, to meet the cost of these purchases, such advance to be adjusted against the loan still to be raised as per pages 76-77 of the Budget grant for 1893-94."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.—

No. 5330. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 4636, dated 16th August 1893, the Corporation sanction (1) the pay of the following establishment, up to the end of the current financial year from 1st instant, for the new Foras Road Market, *viz.* :—

1 Sub-Inspector	Rs.	20	a month
4 Peons on Rs. 10 each	,,	40	do.
3 Lascars on Rs. 11 each	,,	33	do.
	Rs.	93	do.

or Rs. 558 for six months ; (2) the expenditure of Rs. 96 for clothing for the peons—total Rs. 654. The cost to be met from surplus cash balance."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 4647, dated 16th August 1893, sanction be given to the purchase, through the agency of Major Tulloch, R.E., of a stone-breaking machine, 12″ × 8″, with a 6-ton roller, at a cost of £603 15*s.* 6*d.*, instead of one of 20″ × 10″ as provided in the budget. The amount to be met out of the budget provision of Rs. 9,270."*

No. 5331.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanu Narayan Kothare, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 4866, dated 23rd August 1893, sanction be given to the payment of Rs. 444, out of surplus cash balance, to meet the cost of providing equivalent weights of 4, 8, 10, 20, and 40 seers, in addition to those now in use, and to substitute for the *phara* (dry) measure containing 16 *pylis* or 3,145 cubic inches, a *phara* (dry) measure containing 17 *pylis* or 3,341·52 cubic inches."

No. 5332.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 2949 OF 1893.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, 23*rd August* 1893.

TO THE PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
Bombay.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Cotton's letter No. 2855, dated 24th June 1893, I am directed to inform you that as the question of adopting a uniform system of weights and measures throughout India is under the consideration of the Government of India, the consideration of the proposal contained in Mr. Cotton's letter has been deferred, pending the decision of that Government.—I have, &c., W. L. HARVEY, Under-Secretary to Government.

* On the suggestion of Mr. Bomonjee Pestonjee Master, it was agreed that, owing to the uncertainty of exchange on London, the figures Rs. 9,056-10-0, be omitted after the figures £603-15-6.

Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Kátrak, Esq.—

No. 5333. "That Government letter No. 2949, General Department, dated 23rd August 1893, be *recorded.*"

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Brigade-Surgeon-Lt.-Col. Banks—

No. 5334. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 4867, dated 23rd August 1893, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 2,546, from surplus cash balance (to the debit of the Gardens Fund), towards the cost (Rs. 5,046) of constructing a cage for the two Kathiawar lions to be presented to the Municipality by H. H. the Nawab of Junagad, the balance, Rs. 2,500, of the cost of the cage being paid by His Highness."

Carried.

Read the following :—

No. 10431 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 21*st August* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honor to report for the information of the Corporation, under the terms of section 64 (3) (*c*) of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, that I ordered provisions from Messrs. Kemp & Co., at a cost of Rs. 546-5-0, to be supplied to Troops, Blue Jackets, Volunteer Corps, &c., that were employed to guard Cumballa and Malabar Hills, Mahalaxumi and Worli during the recent riots from the 12th to the 17th instant.

Looking to the emergency and the inconvenience and hardship that would have been caused to the troops, &c., I thought it advisable to incur the expenditure by exercising the power conferred upon me under the section quoted above. The amount will be met from the surplus cash balance. The troops were ordered out in great haste and before proper arrangements could be made for their rations.

A surplus of about 4½ lakhs has accrued since the publication of the revised estimates for the year 1892-93, out of which Rs. 66,531-12-0 have been sanctioned and a sum of Rs. 30,011 has been recommended for sanction.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 10504 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 21*st August* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that during the first four days of the late riots, troops were conveyed by the Tramway Company without charge ; but it was then intimated that a charge

must be made, and having regard to the extreme importance of (*a*) moving troops as rapidly as possible and (*b*) conveying them to their posts as fresh as possible, I authorized the use of the tramway under passes to be issued from the Military Headquarters as a charge upon the City, and for the safety of life and property, under section 64 (*c*) of the Municipal Act. I have further directed the Executive Engineer, under the same section, to erect shelter sheds for the troops at a large number of points in the City, such being absolutely required to protect them from the weather, as well as one or two smaller sheds to serve as latrines. Such sheds were only erected at places where it was reported to me by the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General that accommodation did not exist. It is impossible for me to state even approximately what the cost of these measures may amount to, but I will report it as soon as I can.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 11016 A OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *28th August* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—In continuation of this Office No. 10504 of the 21*st* instant, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Corporation, that the Bombay Tramway Company have preferred bills for Rs. 858-7-0, which I have ordered to be paid. This amount will be met from the surplus cash balance.

A surplus of about 4½ lakhs has accrued since the publication of revised estimates for the year 1892-93, out of which Rs. 66,531-12-0 have been sanctioned, and a sum of Rs. 32,726-5-0 has been recommended for sanction.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 11529 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *2nd September* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—In continuation of this Office No. 11016A of the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Corporation, that the Bombay Tramway Company have preferred further bills for tramway charges, amounting to Rs. 147-3-6. This completes the bills for tramway charges. I have ordered the amount to be paid. This amount will be met from the surplus cash balance.

A surplus of about 4½ lakhs has accrued since the publication of revised estimates for the year 1892-93, out of which Rs. 66,531-12-0 have been sanctioned, and a sum of Rs. 33,584-12-0 has been recommended for sanction.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 11800 OF 1893.

BOMBAY, *7th September* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—In continuation of this office No. 11529 of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Corporation, that the expenditure of Rs. 2,787 has been incurred for the erection of sheds and for the rent of tarpaulins which have been hired from bazaar. I have directed that the expenditure be met out of the surplus cash balance.

A surplus of about 4½ lakhs has accrued since the publication of revised estimates for the year 1892-93, out of which Rupees 66,531-12-0 have been sanctioned, and a sum of Rs. 33,731-15-6 has been recommended for sanction.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was

Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That the application by the Municipal Commissioner of any portion of the Municipal fund, under the terms of section 64 (3) (c) of the Municipal Act III of 1888, towards the cost of rationing and conveying by tram-cars Troops, Blue Jackets, Volunteers, and Police during the performance of their duties in the late riots is unwarranted by the terms of that section.

" 2. That the bills relating to the expenditure, referred to in the Commissioner's letters Nos. 10431 and 10504, dated 21st August, and No. 11016 A, dated 28th idem, be submitted to Government for the favour of payment."

The motion was seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.

In accordance with notice of motion, the following *amendment* was proposed by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.—

" That letters Nos. 10431 and 10504, dated 21st August 1893, from the Commissioner, be *recorded.*

" That the Corporation are of opinion that section 64 (3) (*c*) of the Municipal Act confers no power on the Commissioner to supply from the Municipal funds any portion of the expenses for the provisioning or conveyance of troops called out to quell riots or disturbances in the City ; that the duty of defraying these expenses devolves on Government, and they form no proper charge upon the City under the terms of the said section of the Act ; that the Municipal Commissioner was mistaken in interpreting the section as conferring such powers on him."

As the amendment was *not seconded*, it fell through.

Amendment proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Grattan Geary, Esq.—

"That the following letters from the Commissioner to the Secretary be *recorded*:—Nos. 10431, 10504, 11016 A, 11529, and 11800, dated 21st and 28th August and 2nd and 7th instant, respectively."

On the motion of Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., the meeting was adjourned, it being agreed that the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta shall continue his remarks on the motion and amendment at the adjourned meeting.

The President fixed Monday, the 11th instant, at 3 P. M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 11*th September* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 7th instant and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDESIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DAMODAR THAKERSI MULJI, Esq.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASSARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M. D., C. M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDASS, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation held on the 7th instant, were signed.

It was agreed that item No. 14 on the agenda paper (notices of motion from Mr. E. B. Carroll) be first proceeded with.

Proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

No. 5497.

"That the notice of the Municipal Commissioner be drawn to the condition of the unpaved footpaths in the wet weather—for instance, the Khote footpath, Chaopati and Breachcandy near the battery—and that he be asked to consider whether, without any increase of cost, or at moderate increase of cost, unpaved footpaths cannot in the future be constructed on a better specification, which will secure their being better drained and reasonably dry in wet weather."

The motion was seconded by Cowasji Hormusji, Esq., and *carried.*

Proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to take immediate steps to fill up the pools, holes or ditches belonging to the Municipality in the Agripada and Tardeo districts of the Flats, which have become foul from the influx of sewage or of the liquid draining from the deposits of town-sweepings, and to submit estimates for the same for sanction at the earliest possible date.

"Also to put in force, as far as may be reasonable, the provisions of clause 381 of the Municipal Act, requiring private owners to fill up such places in the same locality."

The motion was seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.

Mr. Cotton raised the objection that Mr. Carroll was out of order in requesting the Commissioner to take immediate action and to submit estimates without reference to the Standing Committee.

The President said Mr. Carroll would no doubt amend the wording of his proposals.

Mr. Carroll amended his proposals and submitted them as follows :—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to report as to the feasibility of taking immediate steps to fill up the pools, holes or ditches belonging to the Municipality in the Agripada and Tardeo districts of the Flats, which have become foul from the influx of sewage or of the liquid draining from the deposits of town-sweepings, and to submit estimates through the Standing Committee for the same for sanction at the earliest possible date.

"Also to report as to putting in force, as far as may be reasonable, the provisions of clause 381 of the Municipal Act, requiring private owners to fill up such places in the same locality."

The motion was *lost*, the votes being 14 *for* and 23 *against*.

Considered again the following motion and amendment, moved on the 7th instant :—

"Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Ardasir Dadabhai Mody, Esq.—

"That the application by the Municipal Commissioner of any portion of the Municipal fund, under the terms of section 64 (3) (*c*) of the Municipal Act III of 1888, towards the cost of rationing and conveying by tram-cars Troops, Blue Jackets, Volunteers, and Police during the performance of their duties in the late riots is unwarranted by the terms of that section.

"2. That the bills relating to the expenditure referred to in the Commissioner's letters Nos. 10431 and 10504, dated 21st August, and No. 11016-A, dated 28th idem, be submitted to Government for the favour of payment."

First amendment moved by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Grattan Geary, Esq.—

"That the following letters from the Commissioner to the Secretary be *recorded* :—Nos. 10431, 10504, 11016-A, 11529, and 11800, dated 21st and 28th August and 2nd and 7th instant, respectively."

Second amendment now proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik— No. 5499.

"That, with reference to the letters as per margin, the Corporation, while fully appreciating the motives which prompted the action of the Municipal Commissioner, consider—

No. 10431, dated 21st August 1893.
" 10504, do. do.
" 11016-A, do. 28th do.
" 11529, do. 2nd Sept. 1893.
" 11800, do. 7th do.

"1. That the objects for which the payments were ordered to be made by him are not within the purview of the authority vested in the Commissioner by section 64 (3) (*c*) of the Municipal Act.

"2. That the question of provisioning the troops from the 12th to the 17th August last, conveying them and erecting shelter sheds, as in the letters mentioned, appertained to the responsible officers in charge of the troops."

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, the original *motion* and the *first amendment* were *withdrawn.*

The *second amendment* which then became the substantive motion was *carried unanimously.*

Shortly before 5 o'clock, the Corporation adjourned and the President fixed Monday, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 18*th September* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 7th instant, and adjourned from the 11th idem), held this day, there were present:

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SING; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDASS, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the WATER ENGINEER; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th instant were signed.

Considered the following:—

No. 9908 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 10*th August* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to Corporation Resolution *No.* 4449 of 7th instant, I have the honor to say that I communicated with two Engineers, *viz.*, Mr. Baldwin Latham and Major Tulloch. The former referred me to his agent in Bombay, who showed me a letter from Mr. Baldwin Latham, in which he declined to serve a Municipality which had anything to say to the Shone System of sewerage. These may not be the exact words of the communica-

tion, but this was its effect. I had rather anticipated this answer as Mr. Baldwin Latham is well known to be one of the leading opponents of that system.

Major Tulloch agreed to accept the post of Consulting Engineer for a salary of £1,200 a year, which however he would, I have no doubt, reduce.

I do not think we could have a better Consulting Engineer than Major Tulloch, and I consider it would be worth our while to pay him Rs. 1,000 a month with a return first class passage from London to Bombay yearly if he would accept those terms. It would be essential that our Consulting Engineer, even when he knows Bombay so well as Major Tulloch does, should visit the city every year.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji Bhowanidas Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 5719. "That letter No. 9908, dated 10th August 1893, from the Commissioner be *recorded.*"

Carried unanimously.

Considered the following :—

No. 10017 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 14*th August* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to Corporation Resolutions, Nos. 13764 of 7th March 1892 and 7350 of 13th October 1892, *re* the erection of a latrine on the ground leased by Government in the Churney Road Garden, I have the honor to state that the latrine will have to be connected with the Queen's Road main drain by a 6″ pipe drain laid under the Railway lines south of Churney Road Station.

A statement of the conditions proposed by the B. B. & C. I. Railway Co., under which they will allow the Municipality to carry out the work, is herewith forwarded, and I beg to state that the terms proposed are fair, and I request, therefore, the sanction of the Corporation to their being accepted.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Conditions for the laying of a 6″ *earthenware pipe under Railway land south of Churney Road Station at mileage* 2·2708.

Land.—The Railway Company will surrender no land to the Municipality, but will rent to them the site of the pipe under the surface of the land for the nominal sum of Re. 1 per annum.

Design.—The pipe to be laid substantially so as to provide for four lines of rails passing over it on a well consolidated bed and to be accessible by manholes outside the Railway boundary.

Charges.—The cost of the work, inclusive of supervision charges at 15 per cent., to be borne wholly by the Municipality funds to the amount of the estimated cost being deposited by the Municipality prior to commencement of work.

Maintenance.—The Railway Company shall not be put to any expense in connection with the drain passing through their property. The Railway Company will undertake the maintenance of the drain within their boundaries at the cost of the Municipality.

Damage.—In the event of any damage to the property of the Railway or detention to its traffic causing loss, being occasioned by the drain, the responsibility, therefore, will be definitely attached to and accepted by the Municipality. The Municipality will not, however, be responsible for any damage to which the Railway Company may have contributed.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That the Corporation accord their sanction to the acceptance of the conditions proposed by the B. B. & C. I. Railway Company and submitted by the Commissioner with his letter to the Secretary, No. 10017, dated 14th August 1893, for the laying of a 6″ earthenware pipe under Railway land, south of Charney Road Railway Station, in connection with the latrines erected on the ground leased to the Municipality by Government thereat."

Amendment moved by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozesha M. Mehta, seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatwadekar, Esq.—

"That, with reference to the Commissioner's letter No. 10017, dated 14th ultimo, the Commissioner be asked to have the condition as to damage omitted altogether, or that it be so drafted as to define clearly the liability of the Municipality within specified limits."

No. 5720.

On a division the amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion.

Considered the following :—

No. 9065 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 31*st July* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to Corporation Resolution No. 4790, of 21st August 1890, para. 2, which is cited in the margin, I have the honor to forward, for approval or otherwise, a copy of the conditions which have been drawn up by the Executive Engineer

"That the Corporation agree in the opinion of the Standing Committee that the building sites, which will be available on the Connaught Road, should not be occupied by buildings of an inferior or squalid character and that such buildings as are erected should be of an uniform character and possess some architectural pretensions."

in consultation with myself, which are proposed to govern the sale of building rights on the Connaught and Sussex Roads. If any control is to be exercised over the character of the buildings, it seems necessary that the land should be disposed of on lease instead of being sold outright, but leases of 999 years are proposed at an almost nominal rental of one pie per square yard, which might be reduced if thought advisable. The conditions sufficiently explain themselves and I think I need say no more about them, except that if they are approved they will have to be put into proper legal phraseology by the Solicitors.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Conditions of sale of right to leases of plots of building land on the new Connaught and Sussex Roads next to the Victoria Gardens, Parel Road, Bombay.

The Municipal Commissioner on behalf of the Municipal Corporation, Bombay, will cause to be put up for sale by public auction at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Municipality, on the right to have leases granted of ground suitable for building purposes at Parel, Bombay, plans whereof may be inspected at the office of the said Executive Engineer, Municipality, before the day of sale, subject to the following conditions :—

1. The ground will be offered for sale in lots, and the number of square yards contained in the respective lots is as follows :—

The number of square yards contained in each lot, as specified above, shall be taken to be correct by all persons bidding for the same and, if any error shall subsequently appear, this shall not be a ground for rescinding or putting an end to the contract or for compensation or damages.

2. The lots will be offered for sale separately or two or more together at the discretion of the vendor.

3. No person is to advance less than one rupee per square yard at each bidding, and no bidding shall be retracted. Subject to one bidding reserved in respect of each lot to the vendor, the highest bidder shall be the purchaser, and if any dispute shall arise concerning the bidding for any lot, the same shall be put up again and resold.

4. Each purchaser is at, or immediately after, the time of sale to pay a deposit of one-fourth of the amount of the purchase money of the lot or lots purchased by him, to the Chief Accountant of the Municipality, and shall, within ten days after the sale, sign, seal and deliver such lease as next hereinafter mentioned, and shall also, within the period last aforesaid, pay the residue of the purchase money to the person aforesaid. The form of lease which the purchaser will be required to execute as aforesaid may be inspected by any intending purchaser, before the day of the sale, at the office of the said Executive Engineer, Municipality, and no alteration is to be made in the form except the necessary filling in of blank spaces.

5. The purchaser shall be entitled to have a lease granted to him of the lot or lots purchased by him, but subject to the conditions herein and in the said lease mentioned and on his part to be observed, but the said lease shall, when executed so far as the same is inconsistent with these conditions, prevail over the same.

6. In case any purchaser shall not within ten days after the day of sale have paid his purchase money as aforesaid, and executed the said agreement, the Municipal Commissioner shall be at liberty to cause the lot or lots purchased by him to be resold at such time and place and in such manner as the Municipal Commissioner may think fit, and any deficiency in price which may happen on such second sale and all expenses attending such sale shall immediately after the same be made good and paid to the Municipal Commissioner on behalf of the said Municipal Corporation by such defaulting purchaser, and in case of non-payment the whole or such part of the same deficiency and expenses as shall not be paid shall be recoverable by the said Municipal Commissioner as and for liquidated damages.

7. The leases to be granted of the said lots shall be leases for nine hundred and ninety-nine years from the date of the lots being knocked down to the purchaser at a yearly rent of one pie per square yard.

8. The ground may be used as sites for warehouses, mercantile offices, shops and dwelling houses, but in any case the appropriation and arrangement of the land and buildings shall be subject to the approval of the said Municipal Commissioner, to be signified in writing by the said Municipal Commissioner and such appropriation and arrangement when once approved shall not be altered nor shall any additions to or alterations in the buildings and premises so approved be made without the permission of the Municipal Commissioner to be signified as aforesaid.

9. The buildings to be erected and constructed on the said land are to be erected and constructed in accordance with the specification annexed to the said lease.

10. The lines of frontage, levels and level of ground floors to be determined and set out by the Municipal Executive Engineer, and the boundaries between tenant and tenant to be fixed by the said Municipal Executive Engineer.

11. The buildings during construction to be open to the inspection of the Municipal Executive Engineer who is to have power to reject any improper work or material.

12. The title of the lessors not to be investigated or questioned.

13. The said lease to be prepared in duplicate by the Solicitors of the Municipality at the expense of the purchaser and the lease and counterpart to be similarly prepared and the like expense in due course.

Memorandum of Agreement.

That at the sale on this the day of 1893, was declared to be the purchaser of the right to a lease of lot at the price of rupees and has paid the deposit of rupees and hereby agrees to pay the balance and to execute the lease above referred to within 10 days.

Deposit—Rs.
Balance—Rs.
Witness—

Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"1. That letter No. 9065, dated 31st July 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary be *recorded.*

"2. That para. 2 of the Corporation's No. 4790 of 21st August 1890 be rescinded and that no restrictions be imposed in regard to the style and class of buildings to be erected along the lines of the Connaught and Sussex Roads."

Amendment, proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.—

No. 5721. "That the conditions contained in the Commissioner's letter No. 9065, dated 31st July 1893, be approved, subject to the following modifications :—

The omission of the words 'right to leases of' and 'right to have leases,'

with the amendment of the subsequent clauses accordingly, and the omission of paras. 7, 8, 9 and 11.

"That in para. 3* the words 'no person is to advance less than one rupee per square yard' be omitted, and that in place thereof the following words be inserted: 'no person is to advance less than what the Commissioner shall in his discretion fix.'"

Second amendment, moved by George Cotton, Esq.—

"That the conditions contained in the Commissioner's letter No. 9065, dated 31st July 1893, be approved, subject to the following modifications :—

The omission of the words 'right to leases of' and 'right to have leases,'

with the amendment of the subsequent clauses accordingly, and the omission of paras. 7, 8 and 11.

* NOTE.—The clause relating to para. 3 was inserted on the suggestion of Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq.

" That in para. 3 the words 'no person is to advance less than one rupee per square yard' be omitted and that in place thereof the following words be inserted : 'No person is to advance less than what the Commissioner shall in his discretion fix.' "

Not seconded.

On a division, there were 10 votes *for* the first amendment and 2 *against* it, and it was *carried* as a substantive motion.

Considered the following :—

No. 7607 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 13*th July* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honor, with reference to Corporation Resolution No. 2411 of 12th ultimo, to forward a letter, No. 7962, of 10th instant, from the Postmaster-General. In view of what Mr. Symonds states as to the unprecedented character of the charge and the certainty that if it is persisted in, the public will be much inconvenienced, not only by no more letter-boxes being erected, but by those which are in existence being probably removed, I beg to support that officer's application for a reconsideration of their decision by the Corporation.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 7962 OF 1893.

BOMBAY, 10*th July* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, Bombay.

SIR,—With reference to your letter No. 5973, dated 22nd June 1893, in which you inform me that the Municipal Corporation has decided that an annual rent should be levied for the ground on which the Post Office pillar letter-boxes stand, I have the honor to ask you to be so good as to invite the Corporation to reconsider the matter.

2. The Post Office is quite willing to undertake that letter-boxes should not be erected on Municipal ground without previous sanction, and that letter-boxes already erected should be removed when required. In fact, the existing letter-boxes were apparently erected on this understanding. They were certainly erected on the understanding that rent would not be charged for the ground on which they stand, and I would submit that the Corporation is not now justified in making a charge.

3. I have consulted the Director-General of the Post Office of India in the matter, and he has informed me that such a charge is without precedent and should not be complied with.

4. Some of these letter-boxes have been standing for a very long time, and I would submit that their existence constitutes such a liability as is referred to in Section 88 of the Municipal Act.

5. Further, the rents have been assessed on the assumption that the land on which the letter-boxes stand has a definite value. I would submit that the small area on which a letter-box stands has no assessable value. If it has, this value must arise from the land being useful for a particular purpose. If this be so in any particular case, the Post Office will be glad to remove the letter-box.

6. The Corporation has perhaps been under the impression that the letter-boxes are a source of revenue to Government. This is not the case. If all the letter-boxes in Bombay were removed, it is improbable that there would be any perceptible diminution in the number of letters posted. Moreover, the Corporation is not dealing with Government, but with a commercial department (working under the Government of India) which has great difficulty in paving its way. Any charge of the kind now contemplated by the Corporation becomes a very serious matter for the Post Office, not so much on account of the amount to be paid in a particular case as on account of the precedent involved. The action of the Corporation, if persisted in, would inevitably have the result that no more letter-boxes would be erected in Bombay for a long time to come, and also probably that a considerable number of the existing letter-boxes would be removed. The result would be, that Bombay would be conspicuous among the great cities of the world for its want of letter-boxes, to the great inconvenience of all classes of the community, who would probably consider that the Corporation had shown a want of public spirit in the matter. I would submit that in consideration of the circumstances of the Post Office, and the way in which its well-being is bound up with that of the public, the Corporation may fairly be expected to afford all reasonable assistance in the matter of the erection of letter-boxes.—I have, &c., W. P. SYMONDS, Postmaster-General.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

"That, in view of the circumstances stated by the Post-master-General in his letter to the Commissioner, No. 7962, dated 10th July 1893, the Corporation do not insist on demanding rent as asked in their Resolution No. 2411, dated 12th June 1893."

No. 5722.

Carried.

Considered the following:—

No. 10477 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 21*st August* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that I have received an application from the Chief Engineer, Northern Division, for a

supply of water to the proposed Lunatic Asylum at Thana. The quantity required is estimated at 40 gallons a head for 500 people, or 20,000 gallons a day. It can be supplied from the Tansa Main and might be arranged for, on terms analogous to those under which Bandora and Coorla are supplied, *i. e.*, 12 annas per 1,000 gallons, subject to fluctuations in the meter rate here.

The present demand on our water-supply is one of insignificant dimensions, but it is advisable that the Corporation should carefully consider whether they are prepared to allow their supply to be drawn upon outside Bombay, bearing in mind the fact that we have none too much water for our own requirements. The cases of Bandora and Coorla are hardly in point as it is more in our own interest than theirs that we supply them with water.

My inclination would be to grant the application in the present case on the distinct understanding that we may stop the supply at any time on adequate notice being given, and that the case is not to form a precedent.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

No. 5723. "That, with reference to his letter No. 10477, dated 21st August 1893, the Commissioner be requested to inform the Chief Engineer, Northern Division, that, having regard to the great and increasing demand for water within the city of Bombay itself, the Corporation are unable, at present, to sanction the supply of Tansa water to the proposed Lunatic Asylum at Thana."

Carried.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Ardasir D. Modi, Esq.—

No. 5724. "That a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen be appointed to consider and report on the draft by-laws framed by the Commissioner, under section 461, clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*), (*j*) and (*p*), of the Municipal Act, forwarded with his letter No. 10022, dated 14th August 1893 :—

THE PRESIDENT; MR. HUGHES; MR. GEARY; DR. BHALCHANDRA K. BHATAWDEKAR; DR. KATRAK; MR. IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA; MR. SAYANI.*

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 5725. "That the Report of the Gokuldas Tejpall Hospital for the year 1892 be *recorded*."†

* The name of Mr. Rahimtula M. Sayani was added to the Committee on the proposal of Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.

† See Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 16th August 1893.

Considered the following :—

No. 1672 of 1893.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 12th August 1893.

To THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the Annual Report of the Principal of the Bombay Veterinary College for the year 1892-93, together with copy of the resolution passed thereon by Government, No. 1671, dated 12th August 1893.—I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 1671.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 12th August 1893.

Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, No. 1740, dated the 4th July 1893—Submitting, with reference to this Department memorandum No. 1373, dated the 13th June 1893, a copy of the Report of the Bombay Veterinary College for the year 1892-93.

RESOLUTION.—Though the report will be noticed by the Director of Public Instruction in his annual report on education, the Governor in Council would have been glad to receive his criticisms as desired in Government Resolution No. 1605, dated the 7th August 1891.

2. The number of students at the end of the year was 38 or one less than in 1891-92, of whom 18 were Hindus, 6 Parsis, 3 Muhammadans, 1 Buddhist, 1 Jew, 3 Portuguese and 6 Europeans and Eurasians. Of these 38 students, 13 paid fees, 10 were sent for instruction by Native States or Local Boards, and 15 were free students. As regards students sent up by Native States or Local Boards, the Principal complains that some of them are not suitable for the practical training they receive. No doubt the States and Boards concerned will give due weight to any advice that may be proffered by the Principal in the selection of candidates.

3. The result of the examinations was not satisfactory. 18 students out of 38 passed the examinations against 22 out of 42 in 1891-92; and only 5 out of 18 were given diplomas against 7 out of 18 in the previous year. This, it is reported, was due partly to changes in the College Staff and partly to failures in the final examination in Medicine and Surgery, in which subjects a higher number of marks is required than in other subjects. On the recommendation of the Examination Board an alteration has been

made in the College rules to equalize the number of marks required for a pass in each subject, and it is hoped that the next report will show better results.

4. Appendix F and the facts stated in paragraph 6 of the report afford proof of the growing demand for the services of graduates of the College. Many of the graduates are employed in Native States and British Districts on pay ranging from Rs. 40 to Rs. 300 per mensem; and a few are engaged in private practice. During the year 10 graduates obtained employment on pay from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100 per mensem. The Principal received applications for 7 more graduates from Calcutta, Ajmere and Khandesh, but was unable to comply with them, there being no graduate available.

5. The expenditure on the College amounted to Rs. 28,548 against Rs. 28,095 in 1891-92. The fee receipts amounted to Rs. 1,260 against Rs. 1,290. The appointment of the Principal of the College to be in charge of the Sewri Lazaretto and to be Veterinary Surgeon under the Glanders and Farcy Act, and the appointment of two graduates of the College under the Act—one as Itinerating Inspector and the other as Harbour Veterinary Surgeon—the work of both of whom is supervised by the Principal, have been of great advantage to the City, ensuring a skilled and careful supervision of centres from which disease may spread and the prompt detection of infectious cases. The remarks of the Principal in paragraph 7 may be communicated to the Judicial Department for such action as may be considered necessary, and to the Military Department for information. The Principal also rendered assistance in examining horses for the Horse-Breeding Department, in selecting grass and grain for the Commissariat Department and in other directions.

6. The Riding School instituted in 1891 owing to the facilities afforded by the loan of horses from His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard continues to thrive; the want of a botanical garden noticed in the last report has to a certain extent been met by utilizing for the purpose a portion of the compound of the Sewri Lazaretto; and the forge has been placed in charge of a Farrier Sergeant, who, besides giving practical lessons in shoeing, gave a course of instruction in grooming, clipping, &c. Under the head "Buildings" the cattle-shed which was erected at the expense of Bai Dinbai, widow of the late Mr. Nasarwanjee Manekji Petit, and which will serve as a model of what a cattle shed should be, deserves special mention. It is reported that the clerical establishment is not sufficient for the increasing office work, and the Principal may submit proposals for strengthening it through the Director of Public Instruction.

7. The Governor in Council is pleased to learn that many of the suggestions made by the Committee appointed to inquire into the sanitary condition of the College premises and surround-

ings have been adopted by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The College, however, is much hampered in giving practical instruction. The Society prohibits operations being performed in its Hospital, and Professors and pupils have in consequence to walk to Sewri Lazaretto. This arrangement is highly inconvenient and conducive to the interests, neither of the pupils in the College nor of the patients in the Hospital. The animals to be operated upon have to be taken to the Lazaretto and brought back to the Hospital,—a journey of nearly three miles. His Excellency in Council is constrained to remark that the action of the Society which prohibits operations for the relief of suffering animals being performed within the Hospital premises is hardly consistent with the professed object of the Society. Considering the difficulties under which the Principal and his Staff laboured, the work done by the College was decidedly satisfactory.

8. Copies of the report and of this resolution may be sent to the Government of India and the Secretary of State.

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 5726. "That the Annual Report of the working of the Bombay Veterinary College for the year 1892-93 and Government Resolution No. 1671, dated 12th ultimo, Educational Department, thereon be *recorded*."

Carried.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

No. 5727. "That, in reply to his letter, dated 6th July 1893, Mr. Anant Baburao Paranjpe be informed in terms of the Executive Engineer's letter No. 6050 of 31st July last, forwarded with the Commissioner's memorandum No. 9268, dated 2nd August 1893."*

Carried.

* See Proceedings of the Standing Committee of the 9th August 1893.

Considered the following :—

Half-yearly Return of Expenditure for the Maintenance of Sick in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, ending 31st January 1893.

		August 1892.	September 1892.	October 1892.	November 1892.	December 1892.	January 1893.	TOTAL.
		No. of Patients, 17.	No. of Patients, 20.	No. of Patients, 11.	No. of Patients, 5.	No. of Patients, 5.	No. of Patients, 15.	
		Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Establishment	238 2 10	238 8 0	238 8 0	238 8 0	238 8 0	247 8 0	1,439 10 10
2	Stores	53 13 6	37 10 0	27 3 6	59 0 5	21 9 0	85 6 0	284 10 5
3	Water-supply	59 4 0	35 4 0	31 12 0	42 1 4	50 2 8	24 0 0	242 8 0
4	Dieting	25 5 5	19 12 11	8 8 3	6 15 5	9 5 8	18 8 6	88 8 2
5	Medicines	26 10 0	6 4 0	18 14 0	10 5 0	5 8 0	.....	67 9 0
	Total...	403 3 9	337 6 11	324 13 9	356 14 2	325 1 4	375 6 6	2,122 14 5

BOMBAY, 25*th July* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 14312 of 1893-94.
BOMBAY, 29*th July* 1893.
Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner.
T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 9212 of 2nd August 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to the Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Monthly Return of Patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, for the month of July 1893.

No.	Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	4	12	16	5	2	9	16
2	Chicken-pox	...	1	1	1	...	...	1
3	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Cholera	1	14	15	9	5	1	15
	Total ...	5	27	32	15	7	10	32

1*st August* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 15158 of 1893-94.

Bombay, 8*th August* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner for information.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 9773 of 10*th August* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to the Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

No. 5728. "That memoranda Nos. 9212 and 9773, dated 2nd and 10th August 1893, from the Commissioner, and returns forwarded therewith, be *recorded*."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

Quarterly Statement as per Corporation Resolution No. 1270 *of* 1887-88, *for the quarter ending* 30*th June* 1893.

Ward.	No. of new properties assessed during the quarter with the total amount of assessment fixed for the same.		No. of previously existing properties, the assessments of which have been increased during the quarter, and the total amount of the increased assessment.		No. of previously existing properties, the assessments of which have been reduced during the quarter, and the total amount of the reduced assessment.		Remarks.
	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.	
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
A	11	3,599	°7	4,610	9	1,698	°This includes 3 properties formerly assessed as land, now built upon.
B	9	2,340	°13	11,758	13	7,176	° Do. 10 do. do.
C	3	1,824	°33	11,915	24	5,309	° Do. 11 do. do.
D	13	10,668	°36	27,476	17	7,289	° Do. 16 do. do.
E	31	9,371	°30	29,351	26	7,959	° Do. 22 do. do.
F	7	1,095	°12	10,174	13	1,314	° Do. 6 do. do.
G	18	4,026	°20	6,323	24	791	° Do. 6 do. do.
Total...	92	32,923	151	1,01,607	126	31,536	

R. P. BRUNTON, Assessor and Collector.

No. 9406 of *4th August* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for information of the Corporation.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Rai Bahadur Lachmon Singh, seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That memorandum No. 9406, dated 4th August 1893, from the Commissioner and return forwarded therewith be *recorded*." *

No. 5729.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 10562 of 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *22nd August* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to Corporation's Resolution No. 11996 of 9th February last, I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Corporation, the proposed conditions for the occupancy by the G. I. P. Railway Company of a portion of Municipal land at Kurla and to say that the Railway have no objection to them.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

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1. *Land.*—The Municipality will surrender no land to the Railway Company but will rent to them the area to be occupied by the road for a nominal payment of Rupee one per annum.

2. *Design.*—A plan showing work to be done will be prepared by the Chief Engineer, G. I. P. Railway, and approved by the Executive Engineer, Municipality. Should the Railway Company require to widen the road at any future time, it shall be done at the sole cost of the Company and on similar terms to the present concession.

3. *Charges.*—The cost of constructing the road to be borne wholly by the Railway Company.

4. *Maintenance.*—The Municipality shall not be put to any expense in connection with the road-way passing over their property. The Railway Company to undertake the maintenance of the road, but not of the pipes. The Municipality will determine the extent to which maintaining repairs from time to time are necessary for the safety of the pipes and the Railway Company shall execute and pay the cost of the same.

5. *Damage.*—A pipe in or near the road may burst, causing damage to the road. The repairs of the pipe shall be executed by the Municipality at their cost, but no further responsibility shall be attached to the Municipality. The repairs of the road and

*Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha suggested that, in future returns, the net quarterly increase of Assessment should be shown.

making good of any other damage within the limits of the Municipal ground occupied in the terms of this agreement by the Railway Company shall be done at the cost of the latter.

6. The Municipality is at all times to have access to the pipe for inspection and repairs or renewal.

Proposed by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

"That, with reference to the Corporation's Resolution No. 11996, dated 9th February last, and as proposed by the Commissioner in his letter No. 10562, dated 22nd August 1893, the Corporation approve of the conditions for the occupancy, at a nominal rent of Re. one per annum, by the G. I. P. Railway Company, of a portion of Municipal land at Kurla, occupied by the Vehar pipe line, the same being required to make an approach road to the new Railway station thereat."

At this stage it was agreed on the motion of Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That the meeting do now adjourn."

The President fixed the holding of the adjourned meeting for Monday, 25th instant, at 3 P. M.

BOMBAY, 25*th September* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 7th instant, and adjourned from the 18th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; *BYRAMJEE* NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; *J. P. CORN*FORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJEE KAMA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NAVROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the WATER ENGINEER; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th instant, were signed.

Considered again the following :—

"Proposed by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

"'That, with reference to the Corporation's Resolution No. 6020. No. 11996, dated 9th February last, and as proposed by the Commissioner in his letter No. 10562, dated 22nd August 1893, the Corporation approve of the conditions for the occupancy, at a nominal rent of Re. one per annum, by the G. I. P. Railway Company, of a portion of Municipal land at Kurla, occupied by the Vehar pipe line, the same being required to make an approach road to the new Railway station thereat.'"

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 10563 of 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *22nd August* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—Proposals have, during the last 18 months, been under my consideration for admitting articled pupils into the Engineering Department of the Municipality as is done by the Engineers and Engineering firms at home, who may at the same time profit themselves by learning the business of a Civil Engineer, and the Municipality by the assistance rendered by them during the term of their pupilage. The question was first raised by Mr. Smith and is approved by Mr. Murzban. Both gentlemen consider the Engineering Department of the Municipality an excellent school for the training of a Civil Engineer. The idea seems to present some decided advantages and to be absolutely free from objection. I have considered with Mr. Murzban and the Solicitors the terms of agreement which should be entered into with the parents or guardians of articled pupils, and beg to forward a draft of the same. I would request the sanction of the Corporation to the arrangement. The number of articled pupils at any one time will of course be a matter dependent more or less upon circumstances, but should not, as a rule, exceed four.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

FORM OF ARTICLES OF PUPILAGE.

THIS INDENTURE made the day of 189 between hereinafter called the father or guardian of the first part son or ward of the said father or guardian hereinafter called the pupil of the second part and the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay hereinafter called the Commissioner for and on behalf of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay of the third part.

WITNESSETH that the pupil of his own free will with the consent of the father or guardian doth bind himself to the Commissioner on

behalf of the Municipal Corporation to learn the profession of a Civil Engineer from the day of 189 for the term of three years thence next ensuing and for such further term of one year (if any) for which the said term may under the conditions hereinafter prescribed be extended as hereinafter provided (and which said term and further term if any are to be understood as included in the expression "The term hereby provided for" as used in these presents) and that in consideration of the sum of Rs. 1,500 to the Commissioner paid by the father or guardian on the execution of these presents the receipt of which said sum the Commissioner doth hereby acknowledge he (the Commissioner) doth hereby accept the said as a pupil for the term hereby provided for and the father or guardian and the pupil do each of them hereby covenant with the Commissioner that he (the pupil) will during the term hereby provided for at all times loyally execute and perform the lawful instructions and directions of the Commissioner and of the Executive Engineer of the Municipality of Bombay for the time being (hereinafter called the Engineer) or other the Municipal officer or officers under whom he may from time to time be employed to learn the work of a Civil Engineer and will serve as such pupil and keep the secrets of the Municipality in all matters relating to the business or affairs of the Municipality of Bombay which shall come to his knowledge in the course of such employment or otherwise and will conform in all respects to the rules of the department in which he may for the time being be employed and that the pupil will not do anything that will cause damage or injury to the Municipality or to their goods or suffer the same to be done or attempted by others and that he will not absent himself from the service of the Municipality during the hours that may from time to time be fixed for work by the Engineer without the leave of the Engineer or other officer aforesaid under whom he may for the time being be placed first obtained and that in all respects he will acquit and demean himself honourably faithfully and with diligence and the father or guardian doth hereby covenant with the Commissioner that in case the Municipality sustain any loss damage or prejudice by reason of the misbehaviour neglect or improper behaviour of the said son or ward he (the father or guardian) will make good and re-imburse to the Municipality the amount or value thereof and he (the Commissioner) doth hereby on behalf of the said Municipal Corporation covenant with the said father or guardian that so long as the pupil shall comply with the conditions herein before prescribed and conduct himself to the satisfaction of the Commissioner he (the Commissioner) will permit the pupil to attend the Municipal office and be taught instructed and employed therein under the supervision and orders of the Engineer in view to his acquiring as thorough and proficient a knowledge as may be practicable of the profession or business of a Civil Engineer and further that he shall cause the pupil to be examined by the Engineer or other officer or officers to

be appointed in that behalf by the Commissioner at the end of each calendar year of the pupilage in the knowledge which the pupil may have acquired and that in case the pupil shall by such tests satisfy the Engineer of his progress and in particular shall to the satisfaction of the Engineer or other officer as aforesaid pass the third of such examinations he (the Commissioner) will hand over or cause to be handed over to the pupil these presents with a certificate of service endorsed thereon and also will grant or cause to be granted a certificate of proficiency under his sign manual and that of the Engineer and bearing the seal of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay and thereupon these presents shall be deemed to have been determined but that in case the pupil shall fail to pass the examination at the end of the third year to the satisfaction of the Engineer as aforesaid he will be allowed a further term of one year of pupilage at the end of which further term the Commissioner will cause the pupil to be again examined in the manner aforesaid and in the event of his then succeeding in passing such examination to the satisfaction of the Engineer shall grant him such certificates of service and proficiency as aforesaid but in case the pupil shall fail to pass the examination at the end of the fourth year also to the satisfaction of the Engineer these presents shall thereupon be deemed to be finally determined and shall be handed over to the pupil only with a certificate of service endorsed thereon under the hand of the Commissioner and bearing the seal of the Corporation. PROVIDED always that in case the pupil shall at any time during the term hereby provided for misconduct himself in such a manner as in the judgment of the Commissioner to render it necessary or advisable in the interests of the Municipality to put an end to these presents then and in such case it shall be lawful for the Commissioner by notice in writing to the pupil to put an immediate end to all engagements and obligations hereby undertaken by the Commissioner and in such case these presents shall be determined on the date of such notice and the sum of Rs. 1,500 hereinbefore mentioned shall be absolutely forfeited to the Corporation and the Commissioner hereby further covenants with the father or guardian that in the event of the pupil becoming incapacitated for work by continued illness or other cause to be certified by the Municipal Medical Examiner within 18 months after the commencement of the term hereby provided for or in the event of his death within the same period the Commissioner shall and will return to the father or guardian or other person legally entitled to receive the same sum of Rs. 750 being one half of the sum of Rs. 1,500 hereinbefore mentioned as paid to the Commissioner.

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That letter No. 10563, dated 22nd August 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary be *recorded.*"

No. 6021.

First amendment, proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq., seconded by Mirza Hussein Khan, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Commissioner, in his letter No. 10563, dated 22nd August 1893, sanction be given to the admission of articled pupils to the Engineer's Department of the Municipality for instruction in the profession of Civil Engineering on the terms appended to the letter."

Second amendment, proposed by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq., seconded by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the Commissioner's letter No. 10563, dated 22nd ultimo, be postponed."

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as follows:—

	For	*Against.*
Second amendment	9	25 *lost.*
First amendment	4	32 *lost.*
Original motion	26	2 *carried.*

Considered the following:—

No. 10646 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 23*rd August* 1893.

THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the report and statements called for in Corporation resolution No. 3694 of 17th ultimo. I may observe that the necessary figures were not extracted and laid before me till after the middle of August, and that the disturbances in the city debarred me from attending to them for some days. The date of submission to me of the figures was, however, such as to preclude any possibility of my reporting in time for the August Meeting of the Corporation.

2. Statement A shows the original estimate. It comprises Rs. 3,38,259 for the actual cost of the engines, Rs. 31,350 for cost of masonry in foundations, and Rs. 30,391 on account of contingencies. The latter item, it will be observed, is less than 10 per cent. on the two previous items, while in works of this character it is usual to make a contingency provision of 20 per cent. Such was the course pursued in the case of the Pawai engines, and the grant for contingencies in that case was spent within Rs. 2,000. The above estimates were prepared by Mr. R. G. Walton. In his letter to me No. 2802-D, dated 7th August 1891, he gave the details of the item of Rs. 31,350. He estimated for 20,000 cubic feet of founds, 60,000 cubic feet of fire-brick masonry, and 10 per cent. contingencies. He anticipated a large saving on this head as it was expected that both bricks and ashlar in the bed of the old engines could be used. This, however, was subsequently found to be impracticable, and the erection of a new engine and boiler-house became necessary. There are no details to show how the sum of

Rs. 30,391 on account of contingencies was arrived at by the Engineer, but I think my letter No. 6168 of 15th June 1891, to the Corporation, elucidates the point. I wrote "It is impossible "to say what the cost of setting the engines up may amount "to, and I hope it may be met partly or altogether by the "sale of our present engines, but I think it safe to estimate "for a total expenditure of Rs. 4 lakhs." The sale proceeds of the 4 existing engines and boilers, the two centrifugals and materials of the existing pumping station were, however, by Corporation's Resolution No. 3317 of 4th July 1892 hypothecated to the cost of erecting the new engine and boiler-house. It is obvious that the sum of Rs. 30,391 was entered to complete the round figure of 4 lakhs. Had a 10 per cent. contingency provision (Rs. 36,960) been made it is probable, and had a 20 per cent. contingency provision (Rs. 73,920) been made it is certain that there would be no excess. I am solely responsible for not having made a larger provision under this head.

3. Statement B shows the final revised estimate sanctioned by the Corporation. It will be seen that the charge for masonry for the foundations works out practically to Mr. Walton's estimate and that the charge for the new engine and boiler-houses was carefully estimated. Should it be possible, as I hope it may be, to obtain an exchange rate of 1s. 4d. for the final instalment due to Messrs. Simpson & Co., the total saving will be Rs. 7,435-14-5, which will reduce the excess from Rs. 11,097-11-4 to Rs. 3,661-12-11. This, added to the sum (Rs. 30,391) originally allowed for contingencies, would amount almost exactly to 10 per cent. on the work, which, I think, makes it as plain as a general statement can make it, that there has been no extravagance.

4. Statement C shows details of expenditure under the head of contingencies. By far the most important item is that of Rs. 25,993-12-0 for the erection of the machinery. This includes a sum of Rs. 2,075 on account of bonus earned under the bonus and penalty clause and Rs. 2,295 on account of maintenance. The four engines were ready for work according to the contract on the following dates :—

Engine	No. 1	... 8th June.
„	No. 2	...11th „
„	No. 3	...16th „
„	No. 4	

The contract date for completion was 5th August and the bonus earnable under the contract was Rs. 12-8-0 per engine or Rs. 50 in all. The new engines do their work at a daily average coal consumption of less than 7 tons as against a daily average of more than 14 tons when the old engines were running, a saving equal, at the cost price of the coal (Rs. 16-8-0), to about Rs. 120 per diem, or considerably more than double the amount paid as bonus. The contract provided for three months' maintenance by the erector, as considered necessary by the Executive Engineer and Drainage Engineer, and a sum of

Rs. 2,295 is included on this account. Deducting these two sums of Rs. 2,295 and Rs. 2,075 from the total of Rs. 25,993-12-0 and deducting also Rs. 5,130, the sum provided in the contract with the makers for the foreman to be sent out by them from England, and which had to be paid as in the case of Pawai in addition to the payments to the erector, the actual cost of erection works out to Rs. 16,493, or about Rs. 39 a ton, which, from all the enquiries I have been able to make, is materially less than the usual charge for erecting this class of machinery. In this case, as in that of Pawai, the machinery being of a special and novel character, it was deemed requisite to provide that the makers should send an experienced man from their own workshops to supervise the operation of erection. If the cost of this unusual arrangement is included, the price of erection works out to Rs. 51 per ton, which is less, I believe, than the usual rate for heavy machinery. The landing and carting charges were mostly arranged for by contract after advertising for tenders, though about 100 tons which came in before the contract was concluded were specially arranged for at Rs. 5-8-0 a ton. The contract rate was Rs. 5 and was one that resulted in a loss to the contractor. I have heard loose statements made that Re. 1 or Rs. 2 a ton would have been sufficient, in answer to which it is sufficient to point to the Wet Dock landing charges which are in no case less than Rs. 1-4-0 a ton for the smallest package of machinery and go as high as Rs. 7-8-0 per ton for packages over 15 tons, and to remind the Corporation that the contractor had to pay all these in addition to carting charges. In point of fact the contractor has sent in an application for re-imbursement of the losses, which he says, and which I know, he has incurred.

I do not know that there are any other items in the statement of contingencies, which need special explanation. Perhaps I had better add, however, that the item of Rs. 1,168-1-8 for commission and other charges at home covers Messrs. Coutts & Co. the bankers' commission on payments remitted through them, and the cost of preparing the contract with Messrs. Simpson & Co. The other items, I think, explain themselves.—I have, &c.,
H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

STATEMENT **A.**

Description.	Grant.	Estimate by whom prepared.
	Rs.	
Cost of engines, &c., £23,960 at 1/5 ...	3,38,259	Mr. Walton.
Masonry for foundations	31,350	Do.
Contingencies	30,391	Do.

STATEMENT B.

Final Revised Estimate.

Description.	Grant.	Expenditure.	Saving.	Remarks.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Cost of Engines	3,38,259 0 0	3,76,771 11 4	1,487 4 8	If 1s. 4d. be obtained for the last instalment payable to the makers there will be a further saving of Rs. 4,792.
Further grant to meet fall in exchange	40,000 0 0			
Masonry	31,350 0 0	31,056 2 2	293 13 10	
Further grant for new engines and boiler-houses	40,000 0 0	39,137 3 9	862 12 3	Probable final measurements not yet all checked.
Contingencies	30,391 0 0	41,488 11 4	....	
Further grant	11,097 11 4			
Total.. ..	4,91,097 11 4	4,88,453 12 7	2,643 14 5	

STATEMENT C.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Cost of erection of machinery	25,993	12	0
Landing and carting machinery	2,395	6	8
Staff for the work	3,730	7	10
Shed for machinery	616	11	2
Puddle dam in condensing tank	1,668	6	7
Special pipes	737	12	3
Stores	397	14	5
Raising road	882	14	1
Cast-iron staircases	680	0	0
Commission and other charges at home	1,168	1	8
Telegram charges	373	8	8
Miscellaneous stores and workshop charges	1,550	15	9
Printing and drawing materials	223	2	11
Trial-pits	121	15	6
Inviting tenders	162	2	4
Taxes	23	6	10
Boiler inspection fees	160	0	0
Watchmen	47	8	0
Miscellaneous	220	10	1
Probable liabilities	333	14	7
Total ...	41,488	11	4

Proposed by G. Cotton, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 6022. "That the Commissioner's report No. 10646, dated 23rd August 1893, and statement appended thereto regarding the excesses on account of the cost

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

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The minutes of the meetings held on the 25th instant, were signed.

Considered again the following:—

"Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

"'That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their Resolution No. 5525, dated 13th instant, sanction be given to an application being made to Government for authority to the raising of a loan of Rs. 25,25,000 at 4 per cent. repayable in forty years for drainage and other works as per margin. The loan to be raised in three instalments, as under:—13 lakhs before 31st January 1894; 10 lakhs between 1st July and 31st December 1894; 2¼ lakhs between 1st July and 31st December 1895.'"

No. 6222.

	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.
Statement A.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Love Grove Pumping Station ..	4,60,918	....	....
Colaba Sewerage	3 50,000	3,59,608	....
Storm-water drains	20,000	4,519	....
Storm-water drains in Morland Road, &c.	60,000	1,20,204	....
Works at Bhandarwada Reservoir ..	....	65,500	50,000
Extension of water mains	[illegible]	[illegible]	....
Health Department Stables, F and G Wards	✓20,000	58,744	✓....
Bigaris' Chawls, Bori Bunder.. ..	✓20,000	46,000	✓....
Statement B.			
Wari Bunder Bridge	37,000	95,652	....
Falkland Road Bridge	22,000	....	....
Statement C.			
Sewerage of Umarkhadi with Kavasjee Patel Tank Road sewer	87,490	1,74,980	87,489
Miscellaneous extensions and improvements of drains	30,000	6,871	....
Improvements at Malabar Hill Reservoir	50,000	5,000	20,000
Road from Vehar to Tulsi	....	25,000	....
Halalkhor's Chawls, F and G Wards.	....	33,111	✓....
Bullock Stables, Girgam Night-soil Depôt	....	26,642	✓....
Purchase of land on Flats	1,50,000	....	....
	13,27,438	10,31,831	1,57,489

Total Rs. 25,16,758, or say Rs. 25,25,000

Amendment, moved by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Ardasir Dadabhai Mody, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner be authorized to apply to Government for authority to raise loan, aggregating Rs. 13,27,438, only for charges after detailed estimates have been placed before the Corporation.

"That Government be moved to empower the Corporation to use unexpended balances of previous loans, provided that no such power is given to the Corporation in the existing Municipal Act.

"That the consideration of the question of raising further portions of loans for 1895-96 be meanwhile postponed."

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as under :—

	For	*Against.*
Amendment.....	3	28 *Lost.*
Motion.....	43	2 *Carried.*

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, 28*th September* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 7th instant and adjourned from the 25th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKER YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO N. KABRAJI, Esq; KARSANDAS CHUBILADS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KAIRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KLAIRAZ, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That, in reply to their petition, dated 20th June 1893, Messrs. Bhagwandas Morlidhardas, Chandoobhai Noor Mahomed and other rate-payers and residents of Upper Mahim, be informed that the roads

No. 6223.

complained of by them are not public streets; and that the Municipality cannot undertake to take them over in their present state."

In accordance with notice, the following *amendment* was proposed by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That the Vejavali Road and the Mahim Bazar Cross Road be taken charge of by the Municipality and metalled at as early a date as possible, and that the Corporation will be prepared to consider any recommendation the Standing Committee may make in regard to the necessary expenditure."

The *amendment* was seconded by Cowasji Pestonji, Esq.

An objection was raised that the proposal contained in the amendment was out of order, but the President ruled that it did not appear to him that the terms of section 306 of the Municipal Act, precluded the Corporation from taking over the land in question if it was thought desirable to do so.

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as under :—

	For	*Against.*
Amendment	6	8 *lost.*
Motion	9	2 *carried.*

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Letter to the President, No. 4445, dated 7th August 1893, from Messrs. J. Leask and H. W. Barrow, reporting that that day, before office hours, they respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Municipal Secretary."

No. 6224.

Carried.

With the permission of the President and the consent of of the meeting, Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar was allowed to withdraw the following notices :—

(1) "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit to the Corporation within a reasonable period a report on the formation, utility and probable expenditure on account of a museum of the models of sanitary appliances for Bombay in connection with the Municipal Building.

(2) "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to add to the set of rules already in force for the resuscitation of men suffering from asphyxia from sewer gas poisoning, Laborde's method of resuscitation, which consists of traction of the base of the tongue upwards and forwards again and again."

In accordance with notice, it was—

Proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

No 6225. "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested (*a*) to cause a careful examination to be made from time to time of the effects on the new boilers at the Love Grove Pumping Station of Bengal Coal, 'extensive trial' of which is being carried on at present in terms of the letter of the Executive Engineer, dated 2nd August, and the resolution of the Standing Committee, dated 9th idem, and (*b*) to submit a report thereon to the Corporation as soon as the trial is completed."

The motion was seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., and *carried*.

In accordance with notice, it was—

Proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

No. 6226. "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to report to the Corporation on the following works mentioned in the Progress Report of Works for the quarter ending 30th June last, appended to the Proceedings of the Standing Committee of 16th August 1893:—

	Name and description of work.	Amount of grant.	Date when grant became available.
		Rs.	
12	Covering storage basin at the Bhandarwada Reservoir and constructing filter over it	1,60,000	14th January 1892. 1st March 1893.
22	Ghatkoper strainers	12,000	23rd February 1893.
23	Flooring Bassein bridge and culverts.	13,000	
25	Widening embankment at Bassein Creek	10,000	
40	Closing with cast-iron the perforation in manhole covers	4,000	1st March 1891.
41	Constructing pipe sewers and metal ventilating shafts in Parel village.	20,852	25th February 1892.
62	Health Department Stables in F and G Wards	78,744	25th September 1890.
64	Purchase of land for Chawls for the Bigaries who clean the Arthur Crawford Markets and building the Chawls...	22,700	25th April 1888.
69	Health Department Bullock Stables and quarters for sweepers ...	1,50,000	25th September 1890.
70	Do Bigaries' Chawls at Bori Bunder ...	66,000	Do. do.
82	Sankli Tank Fire Brigade station ...	2,08,206	3rd September 1891."

The motion was seconded by Rahimtula Khairaz, Esq., and *carried*.

It was agreed that notice of motion from the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta on the subject of the provision of a room in the Municipal Office for the accommodation of Councillors, be transferred to the agenda paper of the October meeting.

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, Nanabhai Nowroji Katrak, Esq., was allowed to withdraw the following notices of motion :—

(1) " That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to estimate the cost of lighting with electricity the top of the tower of the new Municipal Office, and that the Corporation will be prepared to sanction such outlay thereon as may be recommended by the Standing Committee.

(2) " That as house Nos.270—272, 274, situated at Bora Bazar Street, Fort, has been pulled down, the Municipal Commissioner be requested to favour the Corporation with his report as to whether it would not be advisable to take the opportunity of opening up the Bora Bazar Street, Fort, to direct western breeze from the Hornby Road by acquiring the vacant site of the said house, and to submit an estimate of the cost of acquiring the same.

No. 6227. On the motion of Rahimtula Khairaz, Esq., seconded by Fardunji N. Bisni, Esq., the following motion, of which notice had been given by D. A. D'Monte, Esq., was ordered to be transferred to the agenda paper of the October meeting :—

" That the attention of the Municipal Commissioner be drawn to the insanitary state of Mahim and Dadar in the wet weather, and he be asked to consider whether *drainage* of these localities would in any way improve matters.

" That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to ake such steps as may be necessary to lessen the flooding of the main roads and streets at Lower and Upper Mahim during the monsoons.

" That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to state whether the present inadequate number of cesspool carts fulfil the requirements of the whole of the G Ward."

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, 12*th October* 1893.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation, held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; J. P. COR FORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L.M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHABILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L.M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDASS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 28th ultimo, were signed.

A letter was received from Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., apologising for non-attendance on account of sickness.

Read letter No. 628, dated 11th ultimo, to the Municipal Secretary from the Secretary, Joint Schools' Committee, stating that a vacancy on the Committee has been caused by the death of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. T. Telang, C.I.E.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Grattan Geary, Esq.—

No. 6598.

"That Mr. Nanu N Kothare be elected a member of the Joint Schools' Committee, *vice* the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kasinath T. Telang, C.I.E., deceased.

"2. That, with reference to letter No. 628, dated 11th September 1893, from the Secretary, Joint Schools' Committee to the Municipal Secretary, the Corporation desire to place on record their deep regret at the death of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kasinath T. Telang and their high sense of the good work done by him as their representative

on the board of the Joint Schools' Committee, as well as of his many imporant services to the city as a member of the Corporation itself."

The motion was seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.

Notice from Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., of his intention to propose the election of the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal was, with the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, withdrawn, as the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik expressed his inability to serve on the Committee on account of the many calls on his time.

Amendment moved by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta be elected a member of the Joint Schools' Committee."

As the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta intimated that he would be unable to afford time to act on the Committee, if appointed, Mr. Wacha withdrew his amendment.

The original motion was then *carried*, with one dissentient.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner, in his letter No. 12806, dated 25th September 1893, sanction be given, under section 92 (*c*) of the Municipal Act, to his offering for sale the engines, boilers, &c., used at the old pumping station, Love Grove, and at Carnac Bunder Depôt.

"Any such sale to be subject to the approval of the Standing Committee."

Amendment, moved by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner, in his letter No. 6599. No. 12806, dated 25th ultimo, sanction be given, under section 92 (*c*) of the Municipal Act, to his offering for sale the engines, boilers, &c., used at the old pumping station, Love Grove, and at Carnac Bunder Depôt.

"That this permission is given, subject to the final sanction of the Corporation to any sale."

The original motion was, with the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, withdrawn, and the amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion.

On the application of the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalwad, priority was given to item No. 28 of the agenda paper as follows :—

No. 3461 OF 1893.
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.
BOMBAY CASTLE, 28*th September* 1893.

To
T. BLANEY, ESQ.,
President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—In forwarding herewith copy of a letter No. 11017, dated 28th August 1893, from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to enquire whether the Municipal Corporation desire any alteration of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, which would enable them to pay an exchange compensation allowance to the Municipal Commissioner and all European and Eurasian officers in the service of the Municipality to whom the notification of the Government of India, published under Government notification No. 2926, dated 23rd August 1893, would be applicable, if such officers were Government servants.—I have, &c., W. L. HARVEY, Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 11017 OF 1893-94.
BOMBAY, 28*th August* 1893.

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Financial Department.

SIR,—Referring to Government of India notification in the Department of Finance and Commerce, published under Government notification No. 2926 of 23rd instant, I have the honour to enquire whether the advantages secured to European officers of Government by that notification are obtainable by officers like myself, in foreign service, and if so, in what manner? Supposing the decision of Government to be that in all such cases the foreign employer must be looked to for the concession, the further difficulty in my own case arises that my salary is fixed by law (section 57 (3), Bombay Act III of 1888), and I am not sure whether it would be in the power, however much it might be in the inclination, of the Corporation to add to it the amount of the "Exchange compensation allowance" in the manner contemplated in the notification. At the same time the hardship of being deprived of it is obvious, and I would respectfully ask of Government to consider whether any step is open to them by which it can be obviated.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalwad, seconded by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That, with reference to letter No. 3461, General Department, dated 28th September 1893, from Mr. Under Secretary Harvey, Government be

No. 6600.

informed that the Corporation do not desire any alteration in the Municipal Act which would enable them to pay exchange compensation allowance to the Commissioner and the European and Eurasian officers of the Municipality."

Carried nem con.

The Commissioner asked the Corporation to proceed, as "urgent business" with the consideration of letter from Government on the question of further increasing the Police force of the City.

It was agreed that the letter in question be read, and it was read as follows :—

No. 6367 OF 1893.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY CASTLE, 10*th October* 1893.

To THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
Bombay.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to inform you that the Commissioner of Police has, in consequence of the experience gained in the recent riots, considered it necessary to submit to Government proposals for a further increase of the Police of the City beyond that recently sanctioned by Her Majesty's Secretary of State. His Excellency in Council regrets that it should be necessary to raise again a question which, he hoped, had been finally disposed of, but recent experience shows that the Commissioner is justified in making further demands. As to the question of numbers and the proportion of the increase, which might advantageously consist of mounted Police, the special need for which His Excellency in Council considers to be beyond argument, it has been decided to consult a Committee as was done when proposals for strengthening the City Police were under consideration in 1889, and I am directed to say that, if it would be agreeable to the Corporation to nominate one of their members, his Excellency in Council will be glad to appoint their nominee to be a member of the proposed Committee. His Excellency in Council would desire to leave it to the Corporation to decide in what capacity their nominee should join the Committee, whether merely as a member appointed to watch the interests of the Corporation or as one duly qualified to represent the views of that body. I am to add that, in due course, full information will be conveyed to the Corporation as to the scope of the Commissioner's proposals, the views of the Committee and the intentions of Government, so that the Corporation may have every opportunity to present its views, if it thinks it necessary to do so, to higher authority. At present, however, I am only desired to ask you to be so good as to obtain an early decision by the Corporation as to the nomination above suggest-

ed, as his Excellency in Council desires to appoint the Committee without delay.—I have, &c., G. C. WHITWORTH, Acting Secretary to Government.

It was agreed that the letter be considered as "urgent business."

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Grattan Geary, Esq.—

"That the President be requested to inform Government, with reference to its letter No. 6367 of the 10th instant, that, without expressing any opinion on the question referred to therein, the Corporation have nominated the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta to serve on the Committee to be appointed by his Excellency the Governor in Council, to merely watch the interests of the Municipality.

"That Mr. Mehta is hereby nominated accordingly to serve as a member on the Committee."

Amendment, proposed by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That the President be requested to inform Government, with reference to its letter No. 6367 of the 10th instant, that, without expressing any opinion on the questions referred to therein, the Corporation have nominated the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta to serve on the Committee to be appointed by his Excellency in Council.

"That Mr. P. Mehta is hereby nominated accordingly to serve on the Committee."

After discussion, the amendment was withdrawn, and the original motion was *carried* in the following form :—

"That the President be requested to inform Government,
No. 6601. with reference to its letter No. 6367 of the 10th instant, that, without expressing any opinion on the questions referred to therein, the Corporation have, as desired, nominated the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta to be appointed to serve as a member on the Committee to be appointed by his Excellency the Governor in Council, and that Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta has been requested to serve as a member on the Committee to watch the interests of the Municipality."

On the application of the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, the President, with the consent of the meeting, gave priority to item 10 on the agenda paper, and in accordance with notice of motion it was—

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be asked to arrange
No. 6602. for a room for the members of the Corporation in consultation with the following Com-

mittee :—The President, Mr. Grattan Geary, Mr. Roughton, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, Mr. Rahimtula M. Sayani, Mr. Cotton and the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta.*

The motion was seconded by Grattan Geary, Esq., and *carried*.

On the application of the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, the President, with the consent of the meeting, gave priority to item No. 15 on the agenda paper as follows :—

No. 7811 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 17*th July* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honor to solicit orders from the Corporation as to what is to be done with the new furniture originally made for, and placed in, the Council Hall, consisting of a dais and platform, 15 segmental desks and 84 chairs. The Corporation have from time to time expressed opinions inconsistent with the idea that they intend to use this furniture, and acting on what I believed to be their intentions, I endeavoured to dispose of the dais and platform by auction. An offer of Rs. 750 was received for them, but the Standing Committee refused to sanction it. The offer was, of course, far below their cost price (Rs. 2,245), but such a dais and platform are fancy articles, and, if they are not meant to be used, it is idle to expect to realize their cost value. It seems to me that, if they are not meant to be used, the best thing to do is to get rid of them for what they will fetch ; but, as the Standing Committee do not appear to entertain this view, and it is obvious they and the desks cannot be allowed to remain lumbering up the passages, I desired the Executive Engineer to submit proposals for suitably warehousing them. He informs me that they can be placed in a godown at the Municipal Stores at Paltan Road, now occupied by old furniture from the old offices which may be and should be removed and sold by auction. Mr. Murzban adds that the new furniture "will deteriorate if allowed to remain long in the godown, especially the broad-cloth covering which is liable to be eaten by moths ; and if there is no probability of its being replaced in the Corporation Chamber, it would be advisable to again make an attempt to dispose of it"—an opinion in which I quite concur. To remove the dais, platform and desks to the godown, and pack them in straw and canvas (which it is suggested should be done to all the carved parts) will cost only Rs. 80. The chairs, I think, can without inconvenience be retained in the present building.

I may mention that the Joint Schools Committee have been in negotiation with me for the purchase of the desks, and have offered

* The name of the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta was added on the suggestion of Mr. Karsandas Chubildas.

Rs. 500 for the lot, which is much below their cost price (Rs. 5,200) and also below what the Executive Engineer thinks they would realize (Rs. 660) if sold by auction, though on this last point I hesitate to agree with him, considering the results of a sale quite problematical. I now beg to solicit orders as to which of the two courses I have mentioned should be adopted, *i.e.*, whether the dais, platform and desks should be sold, or whether they should be packed up and kept in store at Paltan Road.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 13294 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *2nd October* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—Referring to the Resolution of the Corporation, No. 4827 of the 21st August last, I have the honor to submit the following information on the points raised in the said resolution :—

No. 1.—*The terms and conditions of the contract under which the furniture for the new Municipal Hall was made.*

The accompanying contract No. 35 of 1892-93 gives the terms and conditions under which the contract was let.

No. 2.—*The rates as to the platform, dais, desks and chairs.*

The rates are as given below :—

		Rs.
Platform and Dais—Platform with linoleum covering complete for the Commissioner, Secretary, &c.		279
Railing at back of the platform, including hand-railing ...		116
Extra teak carved figures on back railing of dais (not included in the contract)		100
Desks (single) for the President, (double) for the Commissioner, (double) for the Secretary, &c., with ornamental brass hinges and handles, locks, cut glass, with inkstands complete, 5 at Rs. 350 each		1,750
	Rs. ...	2,245
Chairs.—President's chair	Rs.	150
Chairs for the Municipal Commissioner and other officers, 4 at Rs. 60 each	„	240
Extra paintings and decorations at the back of the President's chair (not included in the contract) ...	„	20
	Rs.	410
Chairs and desks for the Councillors with inkstands complete, 80 at Rs. 125 each...	Rs.	10,000

Separate rates for chairs and desks are not given in the contract, but taking the cost of 80 chairs, Rs. 60 each (the rate charged as above for the Commissioner's and other officers' chairs), the cost of 15 segmental desks for the Councillors would amount to Rs. 5,200.

No. 3.—Whether there were other tenders, and their rates? There were three other tenders, *viz.*, from Messrs. Ghoolam Hoosain Mooraj, Kanji Bhimji and Messrs. John Roberts & Co., respectively. The following comparative statement will show the amounts of the different tenders, compared with the amount sanctioned for the entire furniture :—

Sanctioned amount.	Goolam Hoosain Mooraj.	Kanji Bhimji.	East Indian Art Manufacturing Company (E. Wimbridge).	Messrs. John Roberts & Co.
Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
92,055 0 0	82,191 9 0	83,158 10 9	91,292 8 0	1,11,947 12 0

The tender of the East Indian Art Manufacturing Company, although not the lowest, was accepted because the Architect for the municipal buildings recommended very strongly its acceptance. He says in his letter amongst other things : "I am confident from "the experience I have had of Mr. Wimbridge's work that he "will supply the best furniture and it will be well executed, he "having made this branch a speciality and earned a reputation "that is well known both in India and in England." As regards the first lowest tenderer, the Architect says : "Mr. Ghoolam is not "a furniture maker and from the enquiries I have made he has no "factory or establishment at present. It appears he is a kind of "clerk of the works or head mistry to Sirdar Diler Jung. I am "of opinion that the furnishing of the New Municipal Buildings "should not be entrusted to this contractor as he has no reputation "whatever as an art furniture manufacturer and besides I feel that, "should it be given to him, the furniture would be sublet and great "trouble and delay would be experienced in exacting the kind of "furniture required and getting it made up to time. Further, I "do not think the work could be done properly for the rates "tendered as my own rates were cut down very fine."

As regards the second tenderer, Mr. Stevens says : "Mr. Kanji "Bhimji is the usual bazaar furniture maker. He is known to me, "he having made a few articles of ordinary furniture for the G. I. "P. Railway and my office some years ago. He is in my opinion "neither capable of carrying out the designs in a satisfactory "manner nor would he be able to give me the class of workmanship "I should require. Besides which I am confident he would be "unable to deal with such a large contract in the time given as he "has not the trained establishment and probably not the working

" capital that would be required. This means that there would be " much trouble, inconvenience and delay, and possibly extra expense " to the Corporation."

No. 4—Whether the grant for the entire furniture of the Hall is exhausted or not ?

The following statement will fully explain how the grant for the entire furniture now stands :—

Items.	Amount provided in the original estimate.	Amount provided in the contract.	Actual cost.
	Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Council Chamber	12,774 8 0	15,387 8 0	14,241 0 0
Do. do. canvas blinds.	.....	.....	741 4 0
Retiring room for European and Native Councillors	139 0 0	139 0 0	139 0 0
Committee rooms	2,505 0 0	2,451 10 0	2,374 10 0
Retiring rooms	69 8 0	69 8 0	69 8 0
	15,488 0 0		
Contingencies at 5 per cent. ...	744 0 0		
Temporary blinds	.....	.....	135 6 0
	16,262 0 0	18,047 10 0	17,700 12 0
Saving ...			346 14 0.

From the above statement it will be observed that there is a saving of Rs. 346-14-0 on the contract for the supply of furniture for the Council Chamber and rooms in connection therewith, presuming that the punkahs provided for in the contract are not erected. The statement also includes certain liabilities not yet paid for.

The total saving up to the present time on the estimated amount of the *entire* furniture, including the cost of punkahs not yet erected, is Rs. 5,583-15-0.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 6603. " That, with reference to letters from the Commissioner to the Secretary, No. 7811, dated 17th July, and No. 13294, dated 2nd instant, sanction be given, under section 92 (*c*) of Municipal Act, to the sale by the Commissioner of the dais, platform and such of the segmental desks as may not be required, by the Committee appointed to provide a room for the members of the Corporation.

" That the 84 teakwood and morocco chairs be placed somewhere in the Municipal hall, in the back rows, and at

the sides, after keeping 12 for the use of the Joint Schools' Committee and the rest for the abovementioned room.

"Any sale to be subject to the final sanction of the Corporation."

Carried.

The Commissioner asked that priority might be given to item No. 8 on the agenda paper (resolution of the Standing Committee, recommending that sanction be given to the immediate carrying out of the sewerage of Umbharkhadi district).

The President expressed his disapproval of these applications unless where good and sufficient reason was shown for disturbing the ordinary course of business.

The Commissioner withdrew his application.

Mr. K. M. Shroff asked that priority might be given to item No. 20 on the agenda paper, namely, papers relating to the site of Messrs. Green's refreshment rooms, Apollo Bunder, which the Port Trust are prepared to sell as the site of a public garden.

The President declined to give priority to the item in question as he did not consider that any good reason had been shown.

The Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta applied for priority being given to item No. 27 on the agenda paper.

The President, with the consent of the meeting, gave priority to that item, as good cause was shown that the matter involved was urgent, namely, the provision of burying grounds for Mahomedans and Beni-Israel, and the proposed construction of certain roads.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq—

"That the papers, as per margin, be referred to for inquiry and report to the Committee appointed on the 20th July last to report on the question of the provision of burying ground for Mahomedans and Beni-Israel.

No. 6604.

Letter to the President, No. 3286, dated 29th September 1893, from the Secretary, Port Trust, stating that the Trustees are prepared to make over to the Municipality 3,287 yards of land at Tank Bunder, for the purposes of a burying ground, free of charge, on condition that the Corporation join in the cost of approaches to the new overbridge at Warl Bunder, construction of road from north of Hancock Bridge to Gunpowder Road, and continuation of certain other roads, at a not cost, estimated by the Trustees, of under Rs. 2,00,000.

"That the Committee be requested to make their report as early as possible."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 6605. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 6053, dated 27th ultimo, sanction be given to the amount of security to be furnished by the Superintending Engineer, Love Grove Pumping Station, being fixed at Rs. 2,500, and that of the Head Foreman, Municipal Workshops, at Rs. 1,500.

"That the securities to be so furnished be either deposit of cash, or public securities, or surety bonds from holders of immoveable property in Bombay, or the guarantee of a Company or Association existing for the purpose of giving such guarantees."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 6606. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 5018, dated 30th August 1893, sanction be given to the payment of Rs. 1,725 from surplus cash balance, to meet the cost (1) of erecting a rough ramp to prevent the access of the tide to reclaimed ground on the foreshore at Wodehouse Bridge, and (2) of covering the reclamation thereat with sweet earth."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao Narayan Vasudeo, Esq.—

No. 6607. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 5537, dated 13th September 1893, sanction be given to the payment, from surplus cash balance, of Rs. 373-4-6, being the amount of acting allowance due to Mr. Cardoz, now an Engineer in the Fire Brigade, as Foreman Fitter, Municipal Workshops, from 26th October 1891 to 6th May 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

No. 6608. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 5773, dated 20th September 1893, sanction be given to the payment of Rs. 304 from surplus cash balance, to meet the cost of extra printing charges (Corporation and Standing Committee's Establishment) incurred by order of the Corpora-

tion and the Committee, *viz.*, correspondence regarding (1) the squatting of shoe-dealers, (2) the contract for the supply of stoneware pipes for Colaba Drainage, (3) Draft By-laws framed under section 461 of the Act, and (4) papers relating to criticism of Government on the account system of the Municipality."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Harkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 5531, dated 13th ultimo, and with reference to the Corporation's resolution No. 6472, dated 15th September 1892, sanction be given to the erection of a memorial at Tansa as shown on the tracing marked "A", dated this day, at a cost of Rs. 2,628, and, instead of an obelisk or column, the additional cost, Rs. 628, to be met from the grant for contingencies included in the final revised estimates for Tansa Water Works."

Amendment, moved by G. Cotton, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta—

"That sanction be given to the additional expenditure for memorial archway at Tansa, *viz.*, Rs. 628, subject to the provision that the name of H. E. the Governor, Lord Harris, be included in the inscription."

No. 6609.

The amendment was carried as a substantive proposition *nem con.*

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 5771, dated 20th September 1893, sanction be given (1) to the immediate carrying out of the sewerage of the Umarkhari Drainage District at the estimated cost of Rs. 3,47,464, including 15 per cent. for contingencies; and (2) to the payment thereof by advances from surplus loan or other balances pending the raising of loan."

At this stage it was agreed, on the motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal Harilal Setalwad, seconded by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That the meeting do now adjourn."

The President fixed Monday, the 16th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 16*th October* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 12th instant, and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DINSHA EDULJEE WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJEE NASARWANJEE BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDASS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the HEALTH OFFICER; and the SECRETARY.

The signing of the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th instant was postponed.

Considered again the following motion moved on the 12th instant :—

"Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"'That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 5771, dated 20th September 1893, sanction be given (1) to the immediate carrying out of the sewerage of the Umerkhari Drainage District at the estimated cost of Rs. 3,47,464, including 15 per cent. for contingencies, and (2) to the payment thereof by advances from surplus loan or other balances pending the raising of loan." *

No. 6720.

Carried.

* See Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 20th September 1893.

In accordance with notice it was proposed by Furdunji N. Bisni, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to estimate the cost for laying a storm-water drain on the Parel Road at Byculla near the Byculla station.

"That, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will be prepared to sanction such outlay thereon as may be necessary."

The motion was seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.

The Commissioner having stated that it is intended to enter the proposed drain in the Budget Estimates for next year, the motion was, with the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, *withdrawn.*

Dr. D. A. D'Monte had given notice of his intention to move as follows, but as he was not in attendance, the President said the notices fell through :—

"1. That the attention of the Municipal Commissioner be drawn to the insanitary state of Mahim and Dadar in the wet weather, and he be asked to consider whether *drainage* of these localities would, in any way, improve matters.

"2. That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to lessen the flooding of the main roads and streets at Lower and Upper Mahim during the monsoons.

"3. That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to state whether the present inadequate number of cesspool carts fulfil the requirements of the whole of the G Ward."

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Rahimtula Khairaz, Esq.—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 11550, dated 2nd September 1893, sanction be given to the sale to Sheik Adam Essufbhai of 253·78 square yards, or thereabout, of Municipal land at DeLisle Road, scored in red on plan marked B, dated this day and filed in supplement to minute books, at the rate of Rs. 2-8-0 per yard."

No. 6721.

Carried.

With reference to item No. 13, the Commissioner said he wished to have the same withdrawn, as the Executive Engineer thinks that a higher offer than Rs. 5,350 may hereafter be received for the materials of

No. 6722.

the house purchased from Mr. Jakisondas Gungadass for the improvement of Bhuleshwar Market.

It was agreed that the item in question be struck out accordingly.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 6723. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 5529, dated 13th ultimo, and with a view of improving Bora Musjid Lane, sanction be given to the acquisition of 977 square yards, or thereabout, of land belonging to the family of the late Mr. Jijibhoy Dadabhoy in Bora Bazar Street, shown in yellow colour and marked B and C on the tracing* accompanying letter from the Commissioner to the Secretary, No. 12024, dated 11th idem; (2) that the Commissioner be authorized to acquire the land on the best terms possible and to re-sell the frontage marked C, and either to re-sell or reserve for Municipal use the frontage marked B, as shown on the same tracing; (3) that the estimated cost, Rs. 25,300 or thereabout, including 15 per cent. for compulsory acquisition, be met from surplus cash balance."†

Carried (with one dissentient).

Read the following :—

No. 5389-A, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY, 28*th August* 1893.

To THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—Adverting to the correspondence ending with Mr. Lee-Warner's letter No. 7108, dated the 14th December last, I am directed to forward to you herewith, for the information of the Corporation, copy of a Resolution of Government, No. 5389, dated this day, from which it will be seen that Her Majesty's Secretary of State has sanctioned the scheme for increasing the strength and pay of the Bombay City Police, which was submitted by this Government to the Government of India, and that, as regards the question of the apportionment of the cost of the force between Government and the Corporation, His Lordship is unable to admit the validity of the grounds on which the Corporation claim to be relieved of all pecuniary liability on account of the City Police.

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* Filed in Supplement to Minute Books A.
† *See* Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 18th September 1893.

2. "I am to state that, from the date of the introduction of the scheme for increasing the City Police, the Corporation will be required, under Section 62 (*a*) of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, to provide and to pay to Government three-fourths of the annual expenses of the Police of the City.—I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Police.

Bombay City—
Increase to the—

No. 5389.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 28th August, 1893.

Read again :—

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 1704 —6, dated the 15th March, 1889—Recommending, for reason given, that the strength of the Bombay City Police be increased.

Resolution of Government, No. 3238, dated the 20th June, 1889—Appointing a Committee to consider the Commissioner of Police's proposals for an increase to the Bombay City Police Force.

Letter from the Chief Presidency Magistrate and Chairman of the Bombay City Police Increase Committee, No. 277, dated the 31st March, 1890—Submitting the report of the Committee appointed by the Resolution of Government quoted above.

Letter to ditto ditto, No. 2871, dated the 28th May, 1890.

Letter from ditto ditto, No. 701, dated the 4th August, 1890—Submitting the report asked for in Government letter No. 2871, dated the 28th May, 1890.

Letter to the President of the Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 1832, dated the 25th March, 1891.

Letter to the Government of India, Home Department, No. 1833, dated the 25th March, 1891—Soliciting the sanction of the Government of India to the increased establishment required for the Police of the Bombay City.

Letter from the President of the Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 4956, dated the 6th August, 1891—Forwarding a memorial addressed to the Government of India on the subject of the increased charges for the Bombay City Police.

Letter to the Government of India, Home Department, No. 4520, dated the 24th August, 1891—Forwarding the above memorial.

Letter from ditto ditto, No. 653, dated the 24th October, 1891—Communicating(paragraph 8) the conclusion of the Governor-General in Council that the Municipal Corporation of Bombay should bear the cost of the City Police less any sum not exceeding 25 per cent. of the total cost, and not less than Rs. 90,000 a year, which the Government of Bombay think fit to contribute towards it, and less any charges of which the Municipality has relieved, or may in the future relieve, the State. Stating that, as the contribution which the Local Government proposed to the Municipality for the two years 1891-92 and 1892-93 in letter No. 1832, dated the 25th March, 1891, was Rs. 90,000, the Governor-General in Council accepts that amount as the minimum contribution which should be made by Government in the future, and trusts that this contribution will not be discontinued by the Bombay Government.

Telegram from ditto ditto, No. 677, dated the 13th November, 1891—Stating that the meaning of paragraph 8 of Government of India's letter No. 652, dated the 24th October 1891, would be clearer if the words "not legally incumbent on the Corporation" were inserted after the word "charges" in line 5; and that the reference is to the arrangement made in 1885, as to the charge of Queen's Statue and Victoria and Albert Museum and other like charges which may be undertaken by the Municipality, not to charges incumbent on the Corporation by law.

Read:—

Letter to the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 6333, dated the 30th November, 1891—Communicating copies of Government of India's letter No. 653, dated the 24th October, 1891, and telegram No. 677, dated the 13th November 1891.

Resolution of Government, No. 6366, dated the 1st December, 1891.

Letter to the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 2599, dated the 18th May, 1892.

Letter from ditto ditto, No. 2104, dated the 11th June, 1892.

Letter to the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 4570, dated the 23rd August 1892.

Letter to the Government of India, Home Department, No. 4704, dated the 30th August, 1892.

Letter from the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 7562, dated the 22nd October 1892—Forwarding a

memorial addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State on the question of the Municipality's liability for Police charges.

Letter, dated the 9th November, 1892, from the Chairman of a Public Meeting held in Bombay on the 30th April 1892 —Submitting, for transmission to the Secretary of State for India, a memorial embodying Resolutions regarding Police charges passed by the meeting.

Letter to the Government of India, Home Department, No. 6694, dated the 28th November, 1892—Transmitting the above memorials.

Letter to the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 6696, dated 28th November, 1892.

Memorandum from the Government of India, Home Department No. 252, dated the 2nd June, 1893—Forwarding copy of a Despatch, No. 93, dated the 27th April, 1893, from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, conveying his approval of the scheme for increasing the strength and pay of the Bombay City Police establishment recommended in the letter from this Government to the Government of India, No. 1833, dated the 25th March, 1891, and intimating that he is unable to admit the validity of the grounds on which the Municipal Corporation of Bombay in their memorial claim relief from all pecuniary liability on account of the City Police.

RESOLUTION.—The sanction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State should be communicated to the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, the Bombay Municipal Corporation, and the Bombay Port Trust; and the Commissioner of Police should be directed to commence entertaining the additional establishment from the 1st September 1893, from which date the revised rates of pay may be introduced. Statements (Nos. 1 to 7) showing the sanctioned establishments, as contrasted with the establishments at present entertained, are appended to this Resolution; and the contents of these statements, which relate only to such portion of the Police of the City as is now to be re-organized, are summarized in the appended Statement No. 8.

2. The Municipal Corporation and the Accountant-General should be informed that, from the date of the introduction of the scheme for increasing the City Police, the Corporation will be required, under Section 62 (*a*) of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, to provide and pay to Government three-fourths of the annual expenses of the Police of the City.

G. C. WHITWORTH,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Statements accompanying Government Resolution, Judicial Department, No. 5389, dated the 28th August 1893.

STATEMENT No. 1.

Contrasted Statement showing the present and sanctioned scales of the City Police Establishment exclusive of the Special and Additional City Police Establishments and the Office Establishments shown in Statements Nos. 2 to 7.

Present Scale.			Sanctioned Scale.			Increase per month.	Decrease per month.
No.	Designation.	Pay.	No.	Designation.	Pay.	Amount.	Amount.
		Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
5	Superintendents at Rs. 250 to 450 by 50 triennially at Rs. 376-10-8 each	1,883 5 4	1	Superintendent (Senior)	500 0 0	500 0 0	....
1	Superintendent at Rs. 300 to 450 by 50 do. Horse Allowance to 6 do. and 1 Inspector at Rs. 50 each	402 8 0	1	Do. (in charge, Criminal Investigation Department) from Rs. 350 to 600 by biennial increment of Rs. 50	516 10 8	114 2 8	....
		350 0 0	5	Superintendents at Rs. 300 to 450 by biennial increment of Rs. 50 each at Rs. 410 each	2,050 0 0	166 10 8	....
4	1st Grade Inspectors at Rs. 175 each.. ..	700 0 0					
8	2nd do. at „ 150 „	1,200 0 0	1	Inspector at Rs. 200 to 350 by biennial increment of Rs. 50..	310 0 0	310 0 0	....
8	3rd do. at „ 125 „	1,000 0 0	4	Inspectors at Rs. 200 each	800 0 0	100 0 0	....
5	1st Grade Constables at „ 110 „	550 0 0	7	Do. at „ 175 „	1,225 0 0	25 0 0	....
11	2nd do. at „ 100 „	1,100 0 0	9	Do. at „ 140 „	1,260 0 0	260 0 0	....
7	1st Class Jamadars at „ 70 „	490 0 0		Horse Allowance to 1 Superintendent at Rs. 75, and 6 Superintendents and 1 Inspector at Rs. 50 each..	425 0 0	75 0 0	....
10	2nd do. at „ 50 „	500 0 0					
11	3rd do. at „ 30 „	330 0 0					
17	1st Class Havaldars at „ 25 „	425 0 0	6	Constables at Rs. 120 each..	720 0 0	170 0 0	....
17	2nd do. at „ 19-6-0 each ..	329 6 0	13	Do. at „ 110 „	1,430 0 0	330 0 0	....
27	3rd do. at „ 15-8-0 „ ..	418 8 0	7	Jamadars at „ 70 „	490 0 0	....	....
10	1st Class Constables at „ 13-9-0 „ ..	135 10 0	10	Do. at „ 50 „	500 0 0	....	....
200	2nd do at „ 12-9-6 „ ..	2,778 2 0	14	Do. at „ 30 „	420 0 0	90 0 0	....
434	3rd do. at „ 11-10-0 „ ..	5,045 4 0	17	Havaldars at „ 25 „	425 0 0	....	....
194	4th do. at „ 10-10-6 „ ..	2,067 5 0	20	Do. at „ 19-6-0 each	387 8 0	58 2 0	....
153	5th do. at „ 9-11-0 „ ..	1,482 3 0	35	Do. at „ 15-8-0 „	542 8 0	124 0 0	....
			10	Constables at „ 13-9-0 „	135 10 0	....	....
			338	Do. at „ 12-9-6 „	4,256 11 0	478 9 0	1,482 3 0
			478	Do. at „ 11-10-0 „	5,556 12 0	511 8 0	....
			536	Constables at „ 10-10-6 „	5,711 12 0	3,644 7 0	....
		Mounted Police.					
1	2nd Class Jamadar at Rs. 50 .. .. 30	80 0 0	1	Jamadar at Rs. 50 .. .. 30	80 0 0	....	....
2	Duffedars at Rs. 25 each.. .. .. .. 30 „	110 0 0	2	Duffedars at Rs. 25 each .. .. 30 „	110 0 0	....	....
4	1st Class Constables at Rs. 13-9-0 each .. 35 ..	194 4 0	4	1st Class Constables at Rs. 13-9-0 each 35	194 4 0	....	....
26	Do. at „ 13-9-0 „ .. House-rent „ 30	1,131 13 0	26	Constables at Rs. 13-9-0 each 30	1,131 13 0	....	....
		1,139 2 0		House-rent	1,438 2 0	299 0 0	....
1,255		24,842 6 4	1,545		30,616 10 8	7,256 7 4	1,482 0 0

STATEMENT No. 2.

Contrasted Statement showing the present and sanctioned scales of the Establishment of the special City Police employed at the Government Dockyard.

Present Scale.			Sanctioned Scale.			Increase per month.	Decrease per month.
No.	Designation.	Pay.	No.	Designation.	Pay.	Amount.	Amount.
		Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Inspector at Rs. 150	150 0 0	1	Inspector	175 0 0	25 0 0	....
1	Constable at „ 130	130 0 0	1	Constable	145 0 0	15 0 0	....
1	Do. at „ 120	120 0 0	1	Do.	130 0 0	10 0 0	....
1	Jamadar at „ 30	30 0 0	1	Jamadar at Rs. 30	30 0 0	....	....
1	1st Class Havaldar at Rs. 25	25 0 0	1	Havaldar at „ 25	25 0 0	....	....
2	3rd Class Havaldars at Rs. 15-8-0 each ..	31 0 0	2	Havaldars at Rs. 15-8-0 each	31 0 0	....	....
6	Constables at Rs. 12-9-6 each	75 0 0	6	Constables at „ 12-9-6 „	75 0 0	....	....
16	Do. at „ 11-10-0 „	186 0 0	16	Do. at „ 11-10-0 „	186 0 0	....	....
22	Do. at „ 10-10-6 „	234 7 0	55	Do. at „ 10-10-6 „	586 1 6	351 10 6	319 11 0
33	Do. at „ 9-11-0 „	319 11 0		House-rent	84 3 0	....	....
	House-rent	84 3 0					
84	Total ..	1,385 14 0	84	Total ..	1,467 13 6	401 10 6	319 11 0

STATEMENT No. 3.

Contrasted Statement showing the present and sanctioned scales of the Establishment of the special City Police employed as Guards for Government Buildings.

Present Scale.			Sanctioned Scale.			Increase per month.	Decrease per month.
No.	Designation.	Pay.	No.	Designation.	Pay.	Amount.	Amount.
	New High Court Building.						
		Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Havaldar at Rs. 19-6-0	19 6 0	1	Havaldar	19 6 0		
1	Naik at Rs. 14-8-6	14 8 6	1	Naik	14 8 6		
2	Constables at Rs. 12-9-6 each	25 3 0	2	Constables at Rs. 12-9-6 each	25 3 0		
2	Do. at Rs. 11-10-0 „	23 4 0	2	Do. at Rs. 11-10-0 „	23 4 0		
3	Do. at Rs. 10-10-6 „	31 15 6	7	Do. at Rs. 10-10-6 „	74 9 6	42 10 0	36 12 0
4	Do. at Rs. 9-11-0 „	38 12 0	..	....	....	....	
	Government House, Malabar Point.						
4	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	38 12 0	4	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	42 10 0	3 14 0	
	Town Hall.						
3	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	29 1 0	3	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	31 15 6	2 14 6	
	Stamp Office.						
2	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	19 6 0	2	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	21 5 0	1 15 0	
	Gun Carriage Department.						
3	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	29 1 0	3	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	31 15 0	2 14 6	
	Public Works Department Office, Executive Engineer, Presidency.						
6	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	58 2 0	6	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	63 15 0	5 13 0	
	Public Works Office Premises,						
2	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	19 6 0	2	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	21 5 0	1 15 0	
	Saluting Battery.						
2	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	19 6 0	2	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	21 5 0	1 15 0	
	Government Telegraph Store Yard.						
3	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	29 1 0	3	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	31 15 6	2 14 6	

STATEMENT No. 3—*continued.*

Present Scale.			Sanctioned Scale.			Increase per month.	Decrease per month.
No.	Designation.	Pay.	No.	Designation.	Pay.	Amount.	Amount.
	Town Barracks.				Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
4	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	38 12 0	4	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	42 10 0	3 14 0	
	Government Central Press.						
2	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	19 6 0	2	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	21 5 0	1 15 0	
	Accountant General's Office.						
2	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	19 6 0	2	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	21 5 0	1 15 0	
	New Record Room.						
2	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	19 6 0	2	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	21 5 0	1 15 0	
	New Secretariat Buildings.						
2	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	19 6 0	2	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	21 5 0	1 15 0	
	Government Telegraph Office.						
2	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	19 6 0	2	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	21 5 0	1 15 0	
	Small Cause Court.						
6	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	58 2 0	6	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	63 15 0	5 13 0	
	Government House, Parel.						
12	Constables at Rs. 9-11-0 each	116 4 0	12	Constables at Rs. 10-10-6 each	127 14 0	11 10 0	
	Dadar Distillery.						
2	Constables at Rs. 11-10-0 each	23 4 0	2	Constables at Rs. 11-10-0 each	23 4 0		
5	Do. „ 10-10-6 „	53 4 6	10	Do. „ 10-10-6 „	106 9 0	53 4 6	
5	Do. „ 9-11-0 „	48 7 0	..	....	....	....	48 7 0
	Mint.						
1	Havaldar at Rs. 15-8-0	15 8 0	1	Havaldar at Rs. 15-8-0	15 8 0		
1	Naik at Rs. 14-8-6	14 8 6	1	Naik at Rs. 14-8-6	14 8 6		
5	Do. „ 12-9-6 each	62 15 6	5	Constables at Rs. 12-9-6 each	62 15 6		
8	Do. „ 10-10-6 „	85 4 0	8	Do. „ 10-10-6 „	85 4 0		
	House-rent	98 0 0		House-rent	98 0 0		
97	Total ..	1,106 13 6	97	Total ..	1,170 12 6	151 2 0	87 3 0

STATEMENT No. 4.

Contrasted Statement showing the present and sanctioned Scales of the Establishment of the Additional City Police employed in the Harbour.

Present Scale.				Sanctioned Scale.				Increase per month.		Decrease per month.	
No.	Designation.	Pay.		No.	Designation.	Pay.		Amount.		Amount.	
		Rs.	a. p.			Rs.	a. p.	Rs.	a. p.	Rs.	a. p.
1	Superintendent at Rs. 250 to Rs. 450 by Rs. 50 triennially.	376	10 0	1	Superintendent from Rs. 300 to Rs. 450 by biennial increment of Rs. 50.	410	0 0	33	5 4	....	
1	Sergeant at Rs. 125..	125	0 0	1	Inspector	140	0 0	140	0 0	125	0 0
1	Constable at Rs. 110	110	0 0	1	Constable	120	0 0	10	0 0	....	
2	Constables at Rs. 100 each	200	0 0	2	Constables at Rs. 110 each	220	0 0	20	0 0	....	
1	3rd Class Jamadar	30	0 0	1	Third Class Jamadar	30	0 0	....		....	
3	at Rs. 19-6-0 each	58	2 0	3	Havaldars at Rs. 19-6-0 each	58	2 0	....		....	
5	at „ 15-8-0 „	77	8 0	5	Do. at „ 15-8-0 „	77	8 0	....		....	
65	at „ 13-9-0 „	881	9 0	65	Constables at „ 13-9-0 „	881	9 0	....		....	
22	at „ 13-9-0 „	298	6 0	22	Do. at „ 13-9-0 „	298	6 0	....		....	
	House-rent	102	7 6	1	Engine Driver	40	0 0	....		....	
1	Engine Driver	40	0 0		Additional Allowance to a Policeman as Fireman.	3	0 0	....		....	
	Additional allowance to a Policeman as Fireman.	3	0 0		House-rent	102	7 6	....		....	
102	Total..	2,302	11 2	102	Total..	2,381	0 6	203	5 4	125	0 0

STATEMENT No. 5.

Contrasted Statement showing the present and sanctioned Scales of the Establishment of the Additional City Police employed at the Prince's and Victoria Docks.

Present Scale.			Sanctioned Scale.			Increase per month.	Decrease per month.
No.	Designation.	Pay.	No.	Designation.	Pay.	Amount.	Amount.
		Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Superintendent at Rs. 250 to Rs. 450 by triennial increment of Rs. 50.	376 10 8	1	Superintendent from Rs. 300 to Rs. 450 by biennial increments of Rs. 50.	410 0 0	33 5 4	....
1	Inspector at Rs. 125	125 0 0	1	Inspector	140 0 0	15 0 0	....
1	Constable at Rs. 100	100 0 0	1	Constable	110 0 0	10 0 0	....
1	3rd Class Jamadar	30 0 0	1	Jamadar	30 0 0	....	....
1	1st Class Havaldar..	25 0 0	1	Havaldar	25 0 0	....	....
2	2nd do. do. at Rs. 19-6-0 each ..	38 12 0	2	Havaldars at Rs. 19-6-0 each	38 12 0	....	....
1	3rd do. do. at Rs. 15-8-0	15 8 0	1	Havaldar at Rs. 15-8-0	15 8 0	....	....
13	2nd do. Constables at Rs. 12-9-6 each ..	163 11 6	13	Constables at Rs. 12-9-6 each	163 11 6	....	....
13	3rd do. do. at Rs. 11-10-0 „ ..	151 2 0	13	Do. at Rs. 11-10-0 „	151 2 0	....	....
13	4th do. do. at Rs. 10-10-6 „ ..	138 8 6	38	Do. at Rs. 10-10-6 „	404 15 0	266 6 6	242 3 0
25	5th do. do. at Rs. 9-11-0 „ ..	242 3 0	..	House-rent	73 0 0	....	....
..	House-rent	73 0 0					
72		1,479 7 8	72		1,562 0 6	324 11 10	242 3 0

STATEMENT No. 6.

Contrasted Statement showing the present and sanctioned Scales of the Establishment of the Additional City Police employed as guards for the University Buildings.

Present Scale.			Sanctioned Scale.			Increase per month.	Decrease per month.
No.	Designation.	Pay.	No.	Designation.	Pay.	Amount.	Amount.
		Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
1	Constable	9 11 0	1	Constable	10 10 6	0 15 6	
..	Hutting money	1 0 0	..	Hutting money	1 0 0	....	
		10 11 0			11 10 6	0 15 6	

STATEMENT No. 7.

Contrasted Statement showing the present and sanctioned Scales of the Establishment of the Police Commissioner's Office.

Present Scale.			Sanctioned Scale.			Increase per month.	Decrease per month.
No.	Designation.	Pay.	No.	Designation.	Pay.	Amount.	Amount.
	Commissioner's Office Establishment.	Rs. a. p.		*Office Establishment.*	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Head Clerk	150 0 0	1	Head Clerk	180 0 0	30 0 0	....
1	2nd do.	80 0 0	1	Clerk	100 0 0	20 0 0	....
1	3rd do.	60 0 0	1	Do.	75 0 0	15 0 0	....
1	4th do.	50 0 0	1	Do.	70 0 0	20 0 0	....
1	5th do.	40 0 0	1	Do.	65 0 0	25 0 0	....
1	Ramosi Clerk	75 0 0	1	Do.	60 0 0	....	15 0 0
	Allowances at Rs. 2 each to 18 Karkuns ..	36 0 0	1	Do.	55 0 0	....	5 0 0
	Arms and Ammunition Department.			Allowances to 18 Karkuns at Rs. 2 each ..	36 0 0	....	....
			1	Clerk	55 0 0	5 0 0	....
1	Clerk	60 0 0	1	Do.	50 0 0	....	....
1	Do.	50 0 0	1	Do.	50 0 0	20 0 0	....
	Convicts Department.		1	Do.	40 0 0	....	10 0 0
			1	Do.	35 0 0	35 0 0	....
1	Clerk	50 0 0	1	Do.	30 0 0	30 0 0	....
1	Do.	30 0 0		*Servants.*			
	Pilgrims Department.		2	Farashis at Rs. 9-8-0	19 0 0	....	....
			3	Halalcores at Rs. 17-4-0 each	51 12 0	....	....
1	Clerk	50 0 0	1	Do. „ 17-13-0 „	17 13 0	....	....
	Servants.		1	Do. „ 18-3-0 „	18 3 0	....	....
			1	Protector of Pilgrims	100 0 0	....	....
2	Farashis at Rs. 9-8-0 each	19 0 0	2	Peons at Rs. 12 each	24 0 0	....	....
3	Halalcores at Rs. 17-4-0 each	51 12 0	*2	Do. „	24 0 0	....	....
1	Do. .. 17-13-0 „	17 13 0					
1	Do. .. 18-3-0 „	18 3 0					
1	Protector of Pilgrims	100 0 0					
2	Peons on Rs. 12 each	24 0 0					
*2	Do. do.	24 0 0					
		985 12 0			1,155 12 0	200 0 0	30 0 0

* Entertained for six months in the year.

STATEMENT No. 8.

Consolidated Statement summarizing the contents of Statements Nos. 1—7.

Police.	Present Scale.		Sanctioned Scale.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Number.	Cost.	Number.	Cost.	Number.	Cost.	Number.	Cost.
		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.		
City Police	1,255	24,842 6 4	1,545	30,616 10 8	290	5,774 4 4		
Special City Police required for the Dockyard ..	84	1,385 14 0	84	1,467 13 6	....	81 15 6		
Special City Police employed as Guards for Government Buildings	97	1,106 13 6	97	1,170 12 6	....	63 15 0		
Additional City Police required for the Harbour.	102	2,302 11 2	102	2,381 0 6	....	78 5 4		
Additional City Police employed on the Prince's and Victoria Docks	72	1,479 7 8	72	1,562 0 6	....	82 8 10		
Additional City Police employed at the University	1	10 11 0	1	11 10 6	....	0 15 6		
Establishment of Police Commissioner's Office..	23	985 12 0	25	1,155 12 0	2	170 0 0		
Total ..	1,634	32,113 11 8	1,926	38,365 12 2	292	6,252 0 6		

Note.—(1). The above is the sanctioned charge for such portion of the Police of the City as is now to be reorganized. These statements do not include other charges, such as the salaries, travelling allowances and contingent expenses of the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of Police, nor charges on account of additional City Police employed as private watchmen or Ramoshis, nor such other items as Cattle Pound or Hospital charges, nor the contingent expenses of the Dockyard and Harbour Police, &c. Nor again are sums recovered from the Port Trust and the University and from the employers of private watchmen or from other sources shown above, although all such items would be taken into account annually for the purposes of Section 62 (*a*) of Bombay Act III of 1888. The annual expenses of the Police for 1893-94, and consequently the amount to be contributed by Government and the Municipality, respectively, will depend on the extent to which the Commissioner of Police will be able to work up to the sanctioned cost. The respective actual contributions will be worked out by the Accountant General after each financial year closes.

(2). The establishments are shown in the column headed "Present Scale" of the above statements as they stood when the scheme for the reorganization of the Police was submitted to the Government of India. Since then the entertainment of some additional Police has from time to time been sanctioned.

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That letter to the President, No. 5389A, Judicial Department, dated 28th August 1893, from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth, forwarding Government Resolution No. 5389, same Department and same date, be *recorded*.

No. 6724.

"2. That the President be requested to ask Government to favour the Corporation with a copy of the despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, referred to in the letter."*

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao Narayan Vasudev, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner's Administrative Report for the year 1892-93, the report of the Auditors to the Corporation for the same period and the "Review" thereof of the Standing Committee be *recorded*."

Amendment, moved by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the Municipal Commissioner's Administration Report for the year 1892-93, and accompaniments be postponed until the November meeting."

No. 6725.

The *amendment* was *carried* as a substantive proposition.

Considered the following :—

No. 7067 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 22*nd August* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that from the budgetted grant of last year the following articles were obtained through Messrs. John Fleming & Co. for the sum of Rs. 3,620 for the purpose of watering the roads :—

(1) 49 Nos. 2½ inches hydrants of Morris' improved pattern.
(2) 1,500 running feet of Merrywether's patent 2½ india-rubber-lined canvas hose.
(3) 12 Morris' patent spray nozzles.
(4) 6 light wrought-iron hose reels or carriers.

2. As reported under this office No. M-13712, dated 22nd March 1892, the work of watering the public streets was tried by means of the appliances above referred to, but without much

* The second para. was added to the motion on the proposal of Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.

success. The operation was found inconvenient to the public traffic and impracticable in working on account of the great size and length of the hose and the absence of the means of rolling it up while in use. The 49 hydrants being useful to the Water Department, they have been made over at a valuation of Rs. 13·40 each to that Department, 600 feet of hose have likewise been handed over for use in the Public Markets, and another, 600 feet, to the Fire Brigade. The remaining 300 feet of hose and the rest of the articles are yet in store.

3. The proposal of watering the roads directly from the pipes has not been abandoned, but further particulars regarding more suitable appliances have been obtained, and it is decided to get out from England, Messrs. Merrywether & Son's street watering apparatus with Merrywether's non-kinkable red vulcanized hose.

4. As shown in the accompanying sketch, the apparatus consists of a drum carried on two wheels and a hose wound round the drum. The mode of working the apparatus is simple. A stand pipe is fixed either on to 2″ ferrule or a fire hydrant and one end of the hose is connected with the ferrule or hydrant. The reel or drum is dragged on its wheels along the street by a cooly, whilst another cooly holds the other end of the hose and waters the road.

5. Instead of the ordinary canvas hose it is proposed to have non-kinkable red vulcanized hose. The canvas hose does not appear to be suitable for the purpose, as when wrapped on the reel while empty, it lies so close round the drum that when the water is turned on there is some difficulty in forcing its way through the hose, while the non-kinkable red vulcanized hose appears to be free from this objection. The use of this class of hose will, it is hoped, ensure the apparatus working efficiently, as its special feature is the facility it affords to the passage of the water whilst coiled on the drum.

6. It is not intended to purchase a large number of these materials, but your sanction has been obtained for ordering out from England (*a*) one Merrywether improved hydraulic hose reel mounted on high wood spoke wheels; (*b*) 300 feet of Merrywether's non-kinkable red vulcanized hose 1½″ in diameter; (*c*) one stand pipe to fit into a 2″ ferrule with a stop cock; and (*d*) a nozzle fitting the spray producers now on hand, at a cost of Rs. 1,350, to be met out of the budgetted grant of Rs. 6,000 for the current year. These articles are expected to come out shortly, when they will be duly tried, and if found successful an application will be made to you for the purchase of a few more.—I have, &c., M. C. MURZBAN, Executive Engineer.

No. 10807 OF *25th August* 1893.

Copy forwarded to the Municipal Secretary in reference to the resolution of the Corporation, No. 4243 of the 31st July 1893.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 10807, dated 25th August 1893, from the Commissioner, submitting the information asked for by the Corporation, in their Resolution No. 4243, dated 31st July 1893, on the subject of the introduction of the proposed system of watering roads by means of hose and stand-pipes."

No. 6726.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. $\frac{D}{3890}$ OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 4*th August* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,
through the Executive Engineer.

SIR,—With reference to the Corporation resolution No. 3977, dated 20th July 1893, I have the honour to reply as follows :—

Query 1.—At present two engines only are daily in work. The indicated horse-power of each engine is 85. It is anticipated that this will improve to the extent of another 10 horse-power when the engines have settled down to their work.

Query 2.—The daily consumption of coal is estimated at 4 lb. per horse-power per hour developed in the duty of discharging 30 million gallons of sewage per 24 hours.

Query 3.—At present one engine is working the full 24 hours without intermission. A second engine works as the height of the sewage varies, for instance, when the sewage drops to a height of 3′ there is not sufficient water to keep two engines at work. The average number of hours the two engines have worked per day since they started is No. 1, twenty-four hours ; No. 2, fourteen hours.

Query 4.—The excess of Rs. 5,930 is accounted for by the fact that the average consumption of coal with the old engines was 14½ tons per day as against the budgetted amount of 6 tons. The excessive consumption is due to the fact that the old engines gradually decreased in efficiency, and to the necessity of keeping both the 18″ and 10″ centrifugal pumps working night and day.

Query 5.—The consumption of coal has been reduced from 14½ tons with the old engines to 6 tons, 14 cwts., 3 qrs., 18 lbs. as an average since the new engines started. The average consumption from the beginning of the year to the 30th June was about 14½ tons which is now reduced as stated above.—I have, &c.,

C. C. JAMES, Drainage Engineer.

No. 7663 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 5*th September* 1893.

Submitted to the Municipal Commissioner.

M. C. MURZBAN, Executive Engineer.

No. 11996 OF *9th September* 1893.

Copy forwarded to the Municipal Secretary with reference to Corporation resolution No. 3977 of 20th July 1893. With reference to query 4, in the resolution of the Corporation which has not been completely answered by the Drainage Engineer, the exact number of tons of coal which would be diurnally required could not be estimated with exactitude, as it was neither known when the new engines would be ready nor the quantity which the old engines and centrifugals would consume, nor was it anticipated that the latter would have to be run night and day.

With regard to query 5, the reduction referred to was that in the consumption of the new engines as compared with the old ones, the Commissioner pointed out in his letter No. 6168 of 15th June 1891, para. 4, that on the then ruling prices for coal and assuming a duty of 32 millions of gallons per diem the annual cost of coal with the new engines would be Rs. 56,940 against Rs. 1,55,162 with the old ones, but in the light of further experience it seems that great as this difference is, it is not great enough, and that the disproportion of efficiency would be even more striking.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Jugmohandas Vandrawandas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 11996, dated 9th September 1893, from the Commissioner, submitting the information asked for by the Corporation, in para. 2 of their Resolution No. 3977, dated 20th July 1893, in connection with the additional grant for coal for the Love Grove Pumping Station for the current year."

No. 6727.

Carried.

On the motion of Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq., it was—

Resolved : "That this meeting do now adjourn."

The President fixed Monday, the 23rd instant, at 3 p. m., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, *23rd October* 1893.

AT the adjourned Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 12th instant, and adjourned from the 16th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULLA KUR, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; W. C. HUGES, Esq., M.I.C.E.;

IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASSARWANJI WADIA, Esq.; RAO BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NOWROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; SHIVAJI DHARMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 12th and 16th instant, were signed.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

No. 6980.

"That the Corporation desire to place on record their regret at the death of their esteemed colleague, the late Mr. Damodar Thackersey Mulji.

"That as a mark of respect to his memory the Corporation do now adjourn without proceeding to the transaction of business."

Carried.

The President fixed Thursday, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M., for the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 26*th October* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 12th instant, and adjourned from the 23rd idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., C.C.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., C.C.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L.M. & S.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHOY NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.,; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CALLIANDAS, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VUNDRAWANDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd instant, were signed.

The President informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Mr. Karsondas Chubildas, apologising for non-attendance on account of being engaged as counsel in a

Police Court, and regretting his inability to be present to oppose the proposed acquisition of the site of Messrs. Green's Refreshment Rooms, Apollo Bunder,

Considered the following :—

No. 13005 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 27*th September* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Corporation, correspondence which has passed between myself and the Port Trust with reference to the plot of ground at the Apollo Bunder on which Messrs. Green & Co.'s Refreshment Room stands, together with a tracing showing in red colour the land referred to. It seems to me that it would be a great pity to allow this bit of land to be built over, which is its inevitable destiny, unless the Municipality interfere, and I, therefore, asked the Port Trust whether they would part with it at a specially low rate for the purposes of a public garden. This they agree to do at a price which does no more than cover the capital cost, together with that of removing the Refreshment Room buildings which belong to the Port Trust. The sum asked on this basis is Rs. 1,12,000, which for 4,620 square yards of land works out to slightly over Rs. 24 a square yard (Rs. 24-3-10). The Port Trust are demanding for adjacent building sites, rents which work out to Rs. 44 to Rs. 47 a yard, so that the offer is pecuniarily a very favourable one. The locality in question, besides being the chief landing place on arrival in Bombay, is one of the principal places of evening resort, and I trust the Corporation will agree with me that it ought to be preserved as an open space. Proposals for laying it out will be submitted if the Corporation approve the idea of acquiring it. It will not be available for use by the Municipality before 31st December 1894, but an early decision is necessary, as proposals for building on it are before the Port Trustees.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 2362 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 4*th May* 1893.

TO THE CHAIRMAN, Bombay Port Trust.

SIR,—I have the honor to enquire upon what terms the Port Trust would convey to the Municipality the land belonging to them at the Apollo Bunder, around and occupied by Mr. Green's Refreshment Rooms. I should also be glad to know what area of ground in that locality, and belonging to the Port Trust, they would be willing to part with on other than their usual terms for building sites, with the object of enabling the Municipality to construct a public garden, for which the situation is peculiarly suitable. I need scarcely say that the land would be required in absolute possession, that is to say, to be sold outright, and not merely let on lease.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
BOMBAY, 12*th September* 1893.

No. 3107.

TO THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—With reference to your letter No. 2362, dated 4th May last, I am directed to state that the Trustees entirely concur in the desirability of the suggestion to convert the Refreshment Room plot into a public garden or open space, which would be an important public improvement, and that, in consideration thereof, they would be willing, with the sanction of Government, to agree to its transfer to the Municipality, to be used for that purpose at a price representing not its market value, but its capital cost on which the trade is now paying interest *plus* the cost of removing the Refreshment Rooms to an adjoining site, and that these amounts aggregate Rs. 1,12,000.

2. The site would not be available until the expiry of the present lease, *viz.*, 31st December 1894; but an early decision is necessary, as proposals for building on it are before the Trustees.

3. I am to add that the Trustees are not prepared to make over any other land in that locality except at its full market value.—I have, &c., F. G. DUMAYNE, Secretary.

Read letter No. 13821, dated 7th October 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—In continuation of my letter No. 13005 of the 27th ultimo, concerning the purchase of a plot of ground from the Port Trustees, I have the honor to say that I am now informed by the Secretary Port Trust, that it measures 4,465 and not 4,620 square yards, a deduction having been made for the widening of Adams Road which was not shown on the plan first sent. He forwards another tracing which I submit herewith. The price, Rs. 1,12,000, now therefore works out to Rs. 25·08 a square yard.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by G. Lund, Esq.—

"That the following Committee be appointed to enquire into and report on the question of the proposed sale to the Corporation of the site on which Messrs. Green's refreshment rooms at Apollo Bunder stand :—the President, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Geary, the Hon'ble Mr. Fazalbhoy Visram, Mr. Badrudin bin Abdulla Kur, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, Dr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee, Mr. K. M. Shroff."

On a division, the motion was *lost*, the votes being 3 *for* and 19 *against*.

Proposed by Dinshaw E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

No. 7205. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letters No. 13005, dated 27th September 1893, and No. 13821 of 7th October 1893, from the Commissioner, with correspondence between himself and the Port Trust with reference to the plot of ground at the Apollo Bunder on which Messrs. Green & Co.'s Refreshment Rooms stand, which the Trust are prepared to sell to the Municipality, as the site of a public garden, for Rs. 1,12,000 or thereabout."

Carried by 26 votes *against* 2 votes.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 7206. "That the following be *recorded* :—Resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 5536, dated 13th September 1893, as under :—'That letter No. 12107, dated 11th instant, from the Commissioner, be forwarded for the information of the Corporation, with reference to their resolution No. 209, dated 6th April 1893, (relating to the acceptance by Messrs. Walsh, Lovett & Co., of Rs. 11,000, in full satisfaction of all their claims.)'"

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 7207. "That the consideration of petition, dated 25th September 1893, from Mr. Ramjanbhai Babunbhai, asking for some allowance in connection with his contract for the supply of bullocks and drivers, be postponed until the next meeting."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 8005 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *11th September 1893.*

TO THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—With reference to your No. 25013, dated 17th February 1893, I have the honor to submit the accompanying list of buildings in which modification of dimensions has been allowed for the half-year ending 30th June 1893.—I have, &c.,

M. C. MURZBAN,
Executive Engineer.

No.	Name.	Locality.	Nature of Modification.	Remarks.
1	The Standard Mill Co., Limited	New Purbhadevi Road ...	A new reeling room has been treated as a building coming under the category of domestic masonry buildings and instead of continuous walls of the required thickness pilasters have been allowed as proposed by the Architects, Messrs. Gostling & Morris.	Allowed by the Commissioner under his No. 27031, dated 14th March 1893, at the recommendation of the Executive Engineer.
2	The Presidency Mill Company, Limited.	Fergusson Road ...	The dimensions laid down in Bye-law No. 13 have been departed from in the work of extending the spinning room in the Mill premises as follows :—The wall on the south face has been allowed to be made 21" thick instead of 28½" as it is strengthened by means of pilasters 1' 3" thick and 2' 6" wide placed at intervals of 11 feet. In the case of the wall on the east side also a thickness of 1' 2" has been allowed instead of 28½" as the weight of the floor and the roof is to be carried by strong iron columns (and not by the wall) which are to be erected close to the wall. The Architects are Messrs. Gostling & Morris.	Allowed by the Commissioner under his No. 26891, dated 13th March 1893, at the recommendation of the Executive Engineer.
3	Mr. Kassum Mahomed Metha	Fergusson Road ...	The dimensions of the walls and posts of this building, which is only lower storied, are slightly less than those required by Bye-laws 16 and 18, as they are only verandah walls and posts and do not support the main portions of the building.	Allowed by the Executive Engineer.

No.	Name.	Locality.	Nature of Modification.	Remarks.
4	The Parsi Lying-in Hospital...	Esplanade Road ...	There is a slight difference between the thickness of the walls as designed and that required by the Building Bye-laws. The plans have been prepared by the Government Executive Engineer and approved by the Chief Engineer, Northern Division, and Government. The building is mostly of cut-stone and of a superior character and the difference in the thickness of walls being immaterial it has been allowed.	Allowed by the Executive Engineer.
5	The Chief Engineer, G. I. P. Railway Company.	Arthur and Currey Roads.	The external walls are of brick nogging (half brick thick) instead of 9″ thick as required by the Bye-law. This has been allowed as the walls, as designed, are strong enough.	Allowed by the Municipal Commissioner as per his memo., dated 10th July 1893.
6	The Engineer, Bombay Port Trust.	Apollo Bunder ...	The walls of the tide gauge hut are 6″ thick instead of 9″ thick as required by building Bye-law No. 44. The walls are strong enough for the purpose for which they are erected.	Allowed by the Commissioner under his No. 24322, dated 9th February 1893, at the recommendation of the Executive Engineer.

M. C. MURZBAN,
Executive Engineer, Municipality.

No. 12228 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 13*th September* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary with reference to Corporation Resolution No. 12003 of 9th February 1893.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq., seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 12228, dated 13th September 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding letter No. 8005, dated 11th idem, from the Executive Engineer."

No. 7208.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

Monthly Return of sick treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, for the month of August 1893.

No.	Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	9	1	10	8	1	1	10
2	Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Measles	...	1	1	1	...	...	1
4	Cholera	1	12	13	8	4	1	13
	Total ...	10	14	24	17	5	2	24

1*st September* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 17192 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 3*rd September* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 11696 OF 6*th September* 1892.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That memorandum No. 11696, dated 6th September 1893, from the Commissioner, be *recorded.*"

No. 7209.

Carried.

Read the following :—

BOMBAY, 27*th September* 1893.

TO THE PRESIDENT,

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

SIR,—I beg to draw your kind attention to my previous letter, dated 6th May last, on the subject of the mode of draining, flushing and brushing.

I partly submitted to you, on the 12th February 1892, in my printed correspondence between me and the Standing Committee, dated 29th August 1892, distributed to all members of Corporation, and partly not submitted you for the purpose of having refused my proposal regarding the expense—that is, when I had been to Mr. Walton and Commissioner to explain to them my scheme of flushing the drains or sewers. I have already explained the flushing part of my scheme, and at the same time I told them this severe (*Qy.* 'sewer') discharge could not be washed away, the sediment then cannot be washed away by present system ; therefore it requires the help of every day brushing ; in short, if you accept the following proposal I will explain all my mode of draining, flushing and brushing system with all its details.

If my system being proved that it is better than the existing system in every respect and it tends save the lives of poor labourers who have to enter into the manhole of the drains for cleansing purposes—a few of them have lost their lives already and many have injured their health, public health and public funds—and at the same time I shall satisfy you to clean all the drains in a short time, and if my scheme being proved, then what I claim for myself is this.

That you are to count the annual cost with all interest of drainage and compare it with the cost to be estimated under my plan. Should the difference in favour of my plan, I should obtain twice amount of the saving only, and I shall effect together with the certificate, so that I may patent it.

But the both gentlemen refused to accept, therefore I did not explain all my scheme to them.

The reason of my asking the above proposal for the better of our English Raj and its subject that my scheme be properly discussed and well tried and they will not say or object my plan is very *dear* if Corporation may consider, that I cannot trust them with my scheme ; I trust them entirely, but I am so situated that I cannot undertake to explain all details of my scheme to them

just now. I feel confident however that if I lay my scheme before them, they will do every justice ; but reflect, Sir, that then once I have given them all explanation, then I will be asked to go about my business. I shall not be able to obtain patent should the proposal may come in my favor. I will only take the amount to patent of all over the world to my scheme and the remaining I will return you ; then you should give the reasonable remuneration if my scheme being proved feasible.

Your Committee on 19th June last have resolved without giving any attention to my letter of 12th February 1892 not to send any answer to me of my letter 6th May last ; it was reported on 20th June last in *Bombay Gazette* and *Samachar* and other native papers that my scheme is not practicable or suitable. As my object is if your Committee would accept my said proposal and my scheme be fully considered and well discussed in all its details and as I feel it has not received such consideration and I shall not be suffer heavy lost, I beg that the same be submitted to the Members of the Corporation again at their next meeting. My only object is to do good to the public at large, and at the same time I do not want to involve the Corporation in any unnecessary expense. I am anxious my plan to be fully understood by the Members of Corporation.

I would beg the favour of your submitting this my application to the Members of Corporation and if they decide to hear me I am willing and prepared to appear before them or any select Committee which they may appoint for the purpose. If your meeting accept my aforesaid proposal I will come and there I will prove, I should suffer heavy lost by your resolution of 19th June last meeting by their such consideration.

As I have come all the way from Bangkok conscious of excluding the poor labourer from sewer gas poisoning, save their lives and I desire to have a fair hearing it not more, I trust this reasonable request will meet with your approval good of making English Raj and its people.—I remain, &c., FRAMJEE ADERJEE EYEBARA.

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Nanabhoy Navroji Katrak, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* and that applicant be informed accordingly :—Letter to the President, dated 27th September 1893, from Mr. Framjee Aderjee Eyebara, on the subject of his drainage scheme." No. 7210.

Carried.

Read memorandum, dated 28th September 1893, from Messrs. Govind Gopal Karmarkar, B. E. Bhide, and other residents of Jagannath's Chawl, Fanaswady, forwarding

copy of a letter addressed by them to the Health Officer, requesting that the alleged nuisance caused by dust-bin at the entrance to the chawl may be remedied.

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Dr. Moreshwar Gopal Deshmukh—

No. 7211. "That the following be referred to the Commissioner for disposal and that the applicants be informed accordingly :—Memorandum, dated 28th September 1893, from Messrs. Govind Gopal Karmarkar, B. E. Bhide, and other residents of Jagannath's Chawl, Fanaswady, forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the Health Officer, requesting that alleged nuisance caused by dust-bin at the entrance to the chawl may be remedied."

Carried.

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

No. 7212. "That, with reference to the resolution of the Corporation, No. 3450, dated 10th July 1893, and under the terms of section 17 (*b*) of the Municipal Act, the Corporation approve of the absence of Mr. Abdalla M. Dharamsi to the 31st of December 1893."

Carried.

In the absence of Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, who had given notice of intention to move the following, it was—

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit to the Corporation within a reasonable period a report on the formation, utility and probable initial and maintenance cost of a Museum of the Models of Sanitary Appliances for Bombay to be placed in the Municipal Building."

The motion was seconded by Dr. Moreshwar Gopal Deshmukh and was *lost*, the votes being 2 *for* and 11 *against*.

As Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, who had given notice of intention to move the following, was not present, the President declared that the notice fell through:—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to add to the set of rules already in force for the resuscitation of men suffering from asphyxia, from sewer gas poisoning,

Laborde's method of resuscitation, which consists of traction of the base of the tongue upwards and forwards again and again."

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Nanabhai Navroji Katrak, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to estimate the cost of lighting with electricity the top of the tower of the New Municipal Office, and that the Corporation will be prepared to sanction such outlay thereon as may be recommended by the Standing Committee."

Not seconded.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, *6th November* 1893.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation, held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

The SECRETARY.

The minutes of adjourned ordinary monthly meeting held on the 26th ultimo were signed.

The President read a letter from Mr. Acworth, the Commissioner, stating that he was absent from the meeting on account of the death of his mother. The President added that he felt quite sure the Corporation would unanimously agree with him in the expression of their deep sympathy with Mr. Acworth in his severe loss.

Read the following :—

BOMBAY, *23rd October* 1893.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Corporation appointed on the 12th instant, as per margin, held this day, there were present : the President, Mr. George Cotton, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, Mr. G. Geary, the Commissioner, the Executive Engineer, and the Secretary.

"That the Municipal Commissioner be asked to arrange for a room for the members of the Corporation in consultation with the following Committee :—The President, Mr. Grattan Geary, Mr. Roughton, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, Mr. Rahimtula M. Sayani, Mr. Cotton, and the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta."

The Commissioner showed the Committee the room on the ground floor at the south-western end of the building and situated under the Council Hall. The room is at present occupied by the Revenue and Refund Audit Officer, for whom the Commissioner proposes to provide accommodation in the building elsewhere.

The cost of finding accommodation for clerks who will be displaced by the arrangement is estimated at Rs. 1,550, whilst the expense of fitting up the chamber as a retiring room and library for Councillors will amount to Rs. 845, exclusive of any new books that may be required.

The Committee are satisfied with the position and dimensions of this room and are of opinion that it will well answer the purposes for which it is required.

THOMAS BLANEY.
GRATTAN GEARY.
G. W. ROUGHTON.
JAVERILAL U. YAJNIK.
G. COTTON.
R. M. SAYANI.

Proposed by G. Cotton, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 7601. "That the report of the Committee appointed to arrange in consultation with the Commissioner for the provision of a retiring room and library for Councillors be approved and adopted.

"That, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will sanction the necessary expenditure in the matter."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

No. 7602. "That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 7189, dated 26th October 1893, from the Municipal Secretary, reporting Budget transfers, sanctioned by the Standing Committee up to 25th idem, amounting to Rs. 1,920-9-0."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

No. 7603. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 6306, dated 4th October 1893, sanction be given to the repairing of the 22 existing meat-vans at a cost of Rs. 6,050, instead of the renewal of the same at a cost of Rs. 13,200, as provided for in the current year's budget."

Carried.

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*The Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta is out of Bombay.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 6501, dated 11th October 1893, sanction be given to the purchase, from Messrs. Greaves, Cotton & Co., at a cost of £95, of a 5″ quadruple acting donkey pump, with a capacity of about 7,500 gallons, required for the Love Grove Pumping Station, especially for the more rapid charging of water to the pumps. The cost to be met from surplus cash balance."

No. 7604.

Carried.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Hasambhai Visram, Esq.—

"That the report of the Committee appointed to consider and report on the draft By-laws framed by the Commissioner under section 461, clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*), (*j*) and (*p*) of the Municipal Act, be approved and adopted, and that the President be requested to submit the By-laws for the confirmation of Government."

First amendment, proposed by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That the report be *recorded*."

The amendment was seconded.

Second amendment, moved by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the draft By-laws framed by the Commissioner under section 461, clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*), (*j*) and (*p*) of the Municipal Act, be postponed until the disposal of the other items on the agenda paper."

No. 7605.

On a division, the second *amendment* was *carried* as a substantive motion *nem con.*

Proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the Municipal Commissioner's Administrative Report for the year 1892-93 be postponed until the next meeting."

No. 7606.

Carried.

Proposed by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq., seconded by George Cotton, Esq.—

"That the Corporation approve of the proposal of the Municipal Commissioner that the Municipality should contribute Rs. 500 towards the prize fund of the Bombay

Art Society, and will be prepared, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, to make the necessary grant.

"That the Society be requested to devote this grant, as far as possible, towards the encouragement of native artists and specially to pay due regard to the giving of prizes for architectural designs."

Amendment, proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That the President be requested to inform the Commissioner that the Corporation see no reason for reconsidering their resolution No. 7932 of 27th October 1892."

No 7507.

Mr. Nanabhai N. Katrak raised the point of order whether the institution in question could be considered as coming within the meaning of section 63 (*e*) of the Municipal Act, namely, a contribution from the Municipal fund towards "Art Galleries."

The President, after discussion, ruled that as last year the Corporation voted on the question of a proposed grant towards the institution in question, it should be taken now that such a grant would be in order.

On a division, there were 16 votes *for* the amendment and 4 *against* it, and it was *carried* as a substantive proposition.

The meeting then adjourned, and the President fixed the holding of the adjourned meeting for Monday, 13th instant, at 3 p.m.

BOMBAY, 13*th November* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 6th instant and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present:—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M. BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L.M. & S.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDASS, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.;

TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq ; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq ; AUCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.
H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner ; the EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th instant were signed.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 7834.

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 6766,* dated 18th October 1893, sanction be given to the carrying out of the following improvements at a total estimated cost of Rs. 18,188 to be met from Surplus Cash balance, *viz.* :— (1) Improving the Matharpacadi Road from Mount Road to Gunpowder Road by the purchase of the whole of the buildings marked No. 1 and the two sheds marked 2 and 3 ; the purchase of the ground, coloured red, occupied by these buildings and of the unoccupied land coloured in blue as shown on the tracing marked A, dated this day and filed in supplement to minute books ; (2) raising the grade of the road from Mount Road to Gunpowder Road, at a cost of Rs. 13,357 ; (3) improving the grade of the roadway from Matharpacady Cross Lane (*c* to *d*) on the same tracing and widening the road near Rose Cottage Lane as shown by the part coloured green, which is unoccupied land and should be acquired under the provisions of section 299 of the Municipal Act, Rs. 4,831, total Rs. 18,188.

"That the proposal for widening the road from (*c*) on the plan to Rose Cottage Lane at an estimated cost of Rs. 54,021 cannot be undertaken.

"That, with reference to their memorials, H. H. Aga Khan, Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, and others be informed accordingly."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 6377 OF 1893.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, 10*th October* 1893.

TO THE PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
Bombay.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter No. 5389-A, dated the 28th August 1893, I am directed to forward to you, for the information of the Corporation, the accompanying copy of a resolution of

* *See* Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 18th October 1893.

Government, No. 6376, dated this day, on the subject of the clothing grant to, and free quarters for, the members of the Bombay City Police.—I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 6376.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, 10*th October* 1893.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 5287-6, dated the 30th August 1893, enquiring, with reference to Government resolution No. 5389, dated the 28th August 1893, whether the proposal of Colonel Wilson for the capitation grant on account of clothing to European and Native members of the Police Force as embodied in his letter No. 3908-6, dated the 24th June 1890, to the address of the Chairman of the Bombay City Police Increase Committee, is still under consideration of Government, or whether it has been rejected.

RESOLUTION.—The Commissioner of Police, Bombay, should be informed that the following two recommendations of the Bombay City Police Increase Committee had the support of this Government and received the sanction of the Secretary of State with the other proposals :—

(1) That a clothing grant of Rs. 45 per annum should be made to all European officers below the rank of Superintendent, and a similar grant of Rs. 5 per annum should be made to all Native Officers from Jamadars downwards, at an annual cost of Rs. 11,415 ; and

(2) That Superintendents, Inspectors, and European Constables should be allowed free quarters at monthly rates of Rs. 100, Rs. 75, and Rs. 50 per head per mensem, or at an estimated annual expenditure of Rs. 14,040.

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 6377, Judicial Department, dated 10th October 1893, from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth, forwarding, for the information of the Corporation, copy of Government Resolution No. 6376, same department, same date. on the subject of the clothing grant to, and free quarters for, the members of the Bombay City Police."

No. 7835.

Carried.

Read letter No. 3639 of 1893, General Department, dated 11th October 1893, to the President as under :—

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Yajnik's letter No. 11986, dated 9th February 1893, I am directed to inform you that the opinion contained in Government Resolution No. 4073, dated 8th November 1892, was based upon legal advice, and that His Excellency the Governor in Council is not disposed to cancel it unless it is held by a judicial decision to be incorrect.—I have, &c.,

W. L. HARVEY, Under-Secretary to Government.

Proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq.—

No. 7836. "That letter No. 3639, from Mr. Under-Secretary Harvey, General Department, dated 11th October 1893, be *recorded*, and that the Municipal Commissioner be requested, in the event of a similar question arising, to exercise the powers conferred upon him by the Municipal Act, leaving any party who may consider himself aggrieved to take such action as he may be advised."

Carried.

On the application of Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., the President, with the consent of the meeting, gave priority to the following notice of motion :—

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 7837. "That letter No. 15548, dated 31st October 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary be considered and that sanction be given, under section 92 (*c*) of the Municipal Act, to the sale to Mr. Govindji Hansraj for Rs. 6,500 of the materials of the house purchased for the improvement of Bhuleshwar Market."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 3569 OF 1893.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, 12*th October* 1893.

TO THE PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
Bombay.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter No. 1677, dated 1st May last, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 148, Financial, dated 27th July 1893, on the subject of pensions for officers whose service has partly been performed under local bodies and has partly been rendered to the Government.—I have, &c.,

W. L. HARVEY,
Under-Secretary to Government.

Financial
No. 148.

INDIA OFFICE,
LONDON, 27*th July* 1893.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST HONORABLE THE
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD MARQUIS,—I have considered in Council your Excellency's letter, dated the 23rd of May, No. 20 (Public), explaining the reasons for which you consider it undesirable to introduce any general legislation on the subject of pensions for officers whose service has partly been performed under local bodies and has partly been rendered to the Government.

I approve of the instructions which you have given to local Governments respecting the previous settlement of the conditions of pensions in any case where an officer is transferred from Municipal employment; and I am of opinion that, owing to the difficulty of equitably apportioning the charges that may arise in such cases, transfers of that kind should, as far as possible, be avoided.—I have, &c.,

KIMBERLEY.

Copy forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations for information in continuation of this Department's Resolution No. 7 Public, 407—419, dated the 30th March last.

Copy forwarded to the Finance, Legislative Department for information in continuation of endorsement No. 727, dated the 23rd May last.

By order,
P. G. MELITUS,
Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

HOME DEPARTMENT
(PUBLIC),
Dated Simla, September 1893.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 3569, Financial Department, dated 12th October 1893, from Mr. Under-Secretary Harvey, forwarding copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India."

No. 7838.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 14402 OF 1893-94.
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BOMBAY, 14*th October* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

Sir,—With reference to Corporation's resolution No. 1528 of 15th May last, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from

the Secretary, Port Trust, reporting the measures proposed to be adopted by the Port Trustees to abate the nuisance in question, and to state that the measures proposed, combined with the more frequent watering and sweeping of the roads by the Municipality, will have some good effect.

I may however point out to the Corporation that the dust blown off the roads referred to in the letter of the Secretary, Port Trust, as the principal cause of nuisance is mostly grain and seeds dust.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 2259.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST,
BOMBAY, 30*th June* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

Sir,—With reference to your letter No. 3643, dated 20th ultimo, I am directed to submit herewith Trustees' resolution No. 202, dated 27th instant, from which you will see that in their opinion, although garbling may add to the nuisance, the dust which is the cause of the present complaint is mainly the dust blown off the roads, and the additional watering of the Frere and other roads on the Elphinstone Estate, which you were kind enough to arrange, was found to have reduced the dust nuisance during the working days that remained before the first fall of rain.

2. I am to say that, with a view to minimize the effects of the garbling of grain and seeds on the Port Trust Estate, the Trustees propose to arrange that parties taking up land for the purpose should enter into an agreement to erect suitable screens of gunny cloths and bamboos or other suitable material to prevent the dust from flying, to damp the refuse from time to time, and to remove the refuse from the operations of each day, and if the refuse is not removed by the owners before 10 o'clock, the Trustees will cause it to be removed at the owner's expense.—I have, &c.,

F. G. DUMAYNE, Secretary.

Read also the following :—

Memorandum No. 20624, dated 12th September 1893, to the Commissioner.

Returned to the Commissioner.

2. I have very carefully considered the question, and I think the proposal of the Port Trustees will do some good in proportion to the height of the screens. There will still, however, be an escape of dust. The theory of the Trustees that the dust is caused by neglect or omission on the part of the Municipality is perfectly ridiculous. The Commissioner remembers what he saw on that evening. On the next occasion I will collect samples of the dust from the air. In conclusion the screens in proportion to their height will do some good, but they will not, I am afraid, remove or prevent the nuisance from dust caused by the winnowing of grain and seeds.—T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

Proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 14402, dated 14th October 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, forwarding copy of a letter from the Secretary, Port Trust.

No. 7839.

"That a trial be given to the measures proposed by the Secretary to the Port Trust for minimising the nuisance arising from the garbling of grain and seeds and that the Commissioner be requested to report the result of the trial to the Corporation."

Amendment proposed by S. Rebsch, Esq.

"That letter No. 14402, dated 14th October 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, forwarding letter from the Secretary, Port Trust, be *recorded*."

Not seconded.

On a division, the original motion was carried (with one dissentient).

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

"That the Corporation approve of the transfer of Rs. 2,965 from savings in the Budget grant, Fire Brigade, section I, Establishment, to section II, Rent (Rent of Fire Stations and Quarters), to meet excess on the latter head."

No. 7840.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 7019, dated 25th October 1893, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 868 from surplus cash balance to meet the cost of the following extra works in connection with the Night-soil Collection Depôt at Colaba:—(1) the erection of a fence on the Railway ground at the end of Thomas Street, (2) the construction of a road with packing, (3) the construction of a catch-pit and an iron gateway, (4) the laying of a small length of drain for a water stand-pipe, and (5) the erection of a sewage pump."

No. 7841.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardaseer Dadabhoy Mody, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 7008, dated 25th October 1893, sanction be given to the renewal of the

No. 7842.

lease for a period of three years from 1st March 1894 of the chawls and stables on Foras Road, belonging to Bai Perozbai, widow of Mr. Dhanjibhai Dosabhai Mama, and occupied by the biggaries and bullocks of the Health Department, D Ward, at a monthly rental of Rs. 350, and on the same terms as at present, except that water and halalkhor taxes be paid by the Municipality.

"That the Commissioner be asked to furnish the Corporation with estimates of the cost of building chawls and stables for this ward on the Municipal vacant ground, Foras Road."

Carried.

On the application of Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha, the President, with the consent of the meeting, gave priority to notice of motion as follows :—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to inform the Corporation whether, in view of the existing vacant ground at the north-west corner of Todd Street, Fort, any steps have been taken to improve and widen the western entrance to that street, and, if so, to state what those may be."

Proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That the Corporation are of opinion that the opportunity of widening Todd Street to the width of 40 feet at the north-east corner should be taken advantage of and that, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the necessary expenditure for acquiring the ground required, or if necessary, acquiring the whole of the vacant plot thereat belonging to the estate of Mr. Rustomjee Nanabhoy Byramjee."

The motion was seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik.

Amendment proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to report at the next meeting the probable cost of part or the whole of the site proposed to be taken up for the improvement of the north-east corner of Todd Street."

No. 7843.

The point of order was raised by Mr. Cowasjee Hormusjee that the original motion was not in order, as the words of the notice given by Mr. Wacha merely were that the

Commissioner "be requested to inform the Corporation whether * * * any steps have been taken to improve and widen the western entrance to that street."

The President ruled that the motion was in order.

On a division, the amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion, the votes being 18 *for* and 9 *against*.

On the motion of A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq., the meeting adjourned, and the President fixed Monday, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 20*th November* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 6th instant and adjourned from the 13th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASSARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L.M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L.M. & S.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDASS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th instant, were signed.

Considered the following :—

BURYING GROUNDS FOR MAHOMEDANS AND BENI-ISRAEL.

THE Committee appointed on the 20th July last, as per margin, beg to report that they are of opinion that the site at Tank Bandar is in itself suitable for a burial

That the following letters from the Commissioner and petitions on the subject of providing a burial ground for the
No. 3978. Mahomedan and Beni-Israel communities be referred to a Committee for report; the Committee to consist of Mr. G. Cotton, Chairman, Mr. Roughton, the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. S. O'B. Banks, Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Mr. D. E. Wacha, the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, Mr. Rebsch.

Letter No. 3887*a*, dated 25th May 1893, from the Commissioner, submitting further report called for by the Corporation, in its resolution No. 8921, dated 21st November 1892, on the subject of the acquisition of the Mount Estate for burial purposes,

Further letter No. 6666, dated 1st July 1893, from the Commissioner, reporting on the above question.

Letter to the President, dated 7th June 1893, from Mr. Heerjee Hunsraz, for Messrs. Cooverjee Heerjee & Co., on the question of the purchase of land on the east side of Mount Road, belonging to Mr. Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, C.S.I., for the purpose of the opening of a burial ground.

Letter to the President, dated 12th June 1893, from Mr. David Solomon, forwarding petition from Messrs. Joseph Ezekiel, J. P., Judha Aaron, and nine others, bringing to notice the necessity of a new burial ground for the Beni-Israel community, protesting against the site proposed for the purpose at DeLisle Road, and requesting that a site may be secured in Mazagon or at Tank Bunder.

Letter to the Secretary, dated 22nd June 1893, from Mr. Sorabjee Ardashir Khumbata, forwarding petition to the President, dated 20th idem, from Messers. George E. Pilcher, J. H. Ingham, and twenty-six others, protesting against the proposal to convert the site of land known as Merwan Baug at Victoria Road into a burial ground for the Mahomedan community.

Letters, dated 6th July 1893, from Mr. Joseph Ezekiel and Messrs. Cooverjee Heerjee & Co., on the above subject; also petitions, dated 10th, 17th and 18th July 1893, from Mr. Govind Anant Desoy and others; Messrs. N. B. Fakeerajee, J. E. Sassoon and others; and Mr. Jafferbhoy Ludabhoy Chuttoo and others; on the same subject.

Letter No. 2100, dated 1st May 1893, from the Commissioner, recommending the Corporation to sanction, with reference to their resolution No. 8921, dated 21st November 1892, the acquisition, for the purpose of a burial ground for the Beni-Israel community at a total cost of Rs. 37,058 (including filling in of the land and construction of a wall round the same), of a plot of ground at DeLisle Road as shown scored in red on the tracing submitted, admeasuring 5,422 square yards, or thereabout. The amount to be advanced from loan or available balances, to be adjusted against a loan to be raised for the purpose.

ground, and if the Corporation accept the proposal of the Port Trust, it will be right one to decide on from a financial point of view. If the Corporation do not approve that proposal, the Committee will have to give further consideration to other alternative sites.

Copy of memorandum, dated 10th instant, from the Commissioner, is appended.

G. COTTON, *Chairman.*
FAZULBHOY VISRAM.
JAVERILAL U. YAJNIK.
IBRAHIM RAHIMTOOLA.
BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA.
DINSHA EDULJI WACHA.
G. W. ROUGHTON.
PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA.

No. 13962 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 10*th October* 1893.

Memorandum.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

In continuation of my memo. No. 6666 of 1st July last, I have to inform the Burial Grounds Committee as follows :—

2. The Committee are aware that there has been for many years a discussion between Government, the Corporation and the Port Trust, with reference to the over-bridge at Wari Bandar. For a long time the Port Trustees refused to bear any part of the cost of the works necessary for the bridge approaches unless the Municipality would guarantee not only to bear the cost of the north approach, but also of a wide through road to the Port Trust property on the north. To the latter stipulation the Municipality refused to bind themselves, though no one entertained a doubt but that this road would have to be made at some time

or another. Finally the Port Trustees withdrew this stipulation and the Municipality have thereupon consented to bear the cost of the north approach of the bridge.

3. The Port Trustees have now addressed a fresh letter to the Corporation which is, I presume, in the Secretary's possession, in which they point out what is quite true, that the bridge will be of little value without the road to the north, as the traffic will be throttled in the narrow streets of Mazagon, and further that it is doubtful whether the Government of India, judging by their past utterances, will allow the Railway Company to pay for the bridge unless the road is made. As an inducement to the Municipality to undertake this road and a small extension of Victoria Road (which they estimate to cost Rs. 15,000), they offer to let the Municipality have free of charge the ground (30,287 sq. yds.) belonging to them and which is under the consideration of the Committee as a site for a burial ground.

4. The general question will be before the Corporation, I believe, in October, and I presume I shall be called on to report upon it. As far as the Burial Grounds Committee is concerned, I apprehend that their decision must depend on that of the Corporation. If we can get the Port Trust ground free, the burial ground in that locality will cost only—

	Rs.
Mazagon Co.'s ground—3,592 sq. yds. ...	17,960
Wall...	5,560
Filling	67,000
Mr. Ashburner's ground	...1,38,140
Total Rs...	2,28,660

It must be borne in mind that this estimate includes the purchase of 27,628 sq. yds. of ground from Mr. Ashburner, of which only 8,204 are absolutely required for the burial ground. The balance 19,424 sq. yds. might and probably would be put to other uses. Strictly, therefore, the charge for the burial ground would be Rs. 2,28,660 — Rs. 97,120 (19,424 sq. yds. at Rs. 5) or Rs. 1,31,540. I take it that if the Port Trust's offer is accepted, no doubt can remain as to the site of the burial ground. I forward tracing (to be returned please) which will elucidate the whole position.

H. A. ACWORTH,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

No. 8119. "That the consideration of report of the Committee appointed on the question of providing burying ground for Mahomedan and Beni-Israel communities be postponed until the Committee have reported

on the proposal made by the Port Trustees that the Corporation should join in the cost of approaches to the new overbridge at Wadi Bunder and undertake certain new road extensions."

Carried.

Considered the following:—

No. 12475 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 19*th September* 1893.

To THE HON'BLE A. T. SHUTTLEWORTH,
Conservator of Forests, C. D.

SIR,—Referring to correspondence ending with Mr. Tomlinson's letter to you, No. 4282 of 15th November 1892, and Mr. Desai's answer No. 1205 of 28th March 1893, I have the honor to inform you that I asked the Corporation to assent to the transfer to Government of the Tulsi Forest for management by your department, but they declined to entertain the proposal. They have, however, authorised me to secure, if possible, the services of a Forest Officer for a short period, that is to say, for six months or thereabouts to "help in doing the needful." In your letter to the Executive Engineer, Municipality, No. 3260 of 8th September 1892, you remark that "the maintenance of the high forest upon the catch-"ment of Tulsi Lake in a thorough state of efficiency for the safety "of the dam, for the preservation of the Lake itself, and of the "interests it supplies, is of vital importance" and, assuming that this opinion is correct, as I have no doubt it is, I should be much obliged if you would inform me whether an officer of your department could, in six months, so put matters in train for the future as to enable us, with the agency at our disposal, to secure the necessary protection and proper working of the forest in future. If so, I should further be obliged by your informing me whether you could or would depute an officer for the purpose, and what his status, pay and allowances should be.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH,
Commissioner.

No. 3406 OF 1893-94.

POONA, 22*nd September* 1893.

To H. A. ACWORTH, ESQ., I.C.S.,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

SIR,—In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 12475, dated 19th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the village of Tulsi in the Thana Collectorate is not within the Forest Circle under my administrative charge and, therefore, it might be preferable to address your reference in the matter to Mr. F. R. Desai, Deputy Conservator in charge of the Northern Circle, which includes the Thana District.

2. I have not been through the Tulsi forest since the year of its acquisition by the Municipality and, therefore, I cannot undertake to advise off-hand on what system this forest should be managed. The choice of a system will depend, in a great measure, upon the nature and extent of the privileges which may be allowed to be exercised within the forests. If it should be desired to treat the forest from the outset with a view of establishing a high timber forest of teak, then it will become necessary to fire-protect it very carefully and to close it against grazing and grass cutting of every description, and to prevent all topping and cutting of trees, and to exploit timber under selection fellings.

3. If, on the other hand, the forest is to be managed on the same lines as most of the Thana forests are being treated, it will be necessary to sub-divide it into compartments under a revolution of 40 years and to subject it to heavy improvement fellings, taking one compartment for exploitation annually.

4. In my opinion, it would be advisable to depute a trained European Forest Officer to draw up working plans for the Tulsi forest, which might be completed in the course of a season; but it will be necessary afterwards to place a professionally educated Native officer in charge of the Tulsi forest to conduct its conservancy and works, which will include the preparation annually of the compartment of the year to become the coupe of that particular season.—I have, &c.,

A. T. SHUTTLEWORTH,
Conservator of Forests, C. D.

No. 13008 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *27th September 1893.*

To F. R. DESAI, Esq.,
Deputy Conservator of Forests, N. C.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward copies of correspondence which has passed between myself and Mr. Shuttleworth (who was, I thought, the proper Officer to address), and I should be much obliged if you would favour me with your opinion on the points raised in my letter.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH,
Commissioner.

No. 1569 OF 1893-94.

BANDORA, *5th October 1893.*

To THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER
for the city of Bombay.

SIR,—In reply to your letter No. 13008, dated 27th September 1893, I have the honor to inform you that as a topographical map of the Tulsi Forest on a large scale is not available, I doubt whether a Forest Officer could draw up a "working plan" and lay out all the component compartments on the ground within six months.

Supposing even if it were possible, I regret to state that I do not see my way to move Government to depute one of my officers specially for this purpose for the simple reason that those best suited to undertake the work on account of their local knowledge cannot be spared.

2. I would further observe that the agency at your disposal would have to be trained for the purpose of carrying out the directions contained in the "working plan," and it would take something like six years instead of six months to teach a new staff their duties in connection therewith.—I have, &c.,

F. R. DESAI,
Deputy Conservator of Forests, N. C.

No. 13974 of 10*th October* 1893.

Copies forwarded to the Municipal Secretary with reference to Corporation's Resolution No. 3701 of 17th July last.—H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 13974, dated 10th October 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding letters from the Conservator and Deputy Conservator of Forests (Thana district) on the subject of the conservancy of Tulsi forest."

No. 8120.

Carried.

The further consideration of the question of the proposed acquisition of land for the improvement of Todd Street was resumed.

The President read the following :—

BOMBAY, 18*th November* 1893.

DR. THOMAS BLANEY,
President, Bombay Municipal Corporation.

SIR,—I have the honor to send herewith a copy of a letter I have written to the Municipal Commissioner in reference to the question of a second set-back in Todd Street, which is to come before the Corporation on Monday next.—I have, &c.,

RUSTOMJEE N. BYRAMJEE JEEJEEBHOY.

BOMBAY, 15*th November* 1893.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S.,
Municipal Commissioner.

SIR,—As promised at my interview with you yesterday, I now beg to state the conclusion at which I have arrived in regard to the request that I should make over to the Municipality a further portion of my property situate at Hornby Row and Todd

or Ghoga Street, for the purpose of initiating for that street a new fixed line on the northern side thereof, which, when protracted hereafter, would give to the street the considerable breadth of 40 feet, instead of the present projected width of 25 feet, upon the line previously fixed by you.

After very careful consideration of the proposal, I regret that I must decline to accede to it.

I take leave to remind you that my new building project was, and is, based entirely upon a consideration of the line previously and always heretofore announced as the fixed line of Todd Street, which was to regulate the set-back of any new building I might erect thereon.

Upon the faith of such fixed line (which required a set-back of 5½ feet only), I, some 15 months ago, caused the three old buildings on the property in question to be almost entirely pulled down, *viz.*, a house and a large chawl, both somewhat dilapidated, situate on and facing Todd Street, and another large house facing Hornby Row, which was not dilapidated, and which I certainly should not have pulled down had the set-back required on rebuilding been designated to me by the Municipality as of any greater extent than that required by the then fixed line of the street.

Upon the basis of that fixed line, the estimate and plans of my new building were prepared many months ago, and the plans were duly submitted to and sanctioned and passed by the Municipality.

I, therefore, concluded a contract for the erection of my new building; the foundations have been laid, the building is ready to rise, and I have almost concluded negotiations with a prospective tenant.

After all these things have been done, comes at later than the 11th hour (that is to say considerably more than a year after the old buildings had been levelled) a proposal that I should give up more land to further widen the street.

Even had the matter rested there, I do not think it could be reasonably expected that I should accede to the proposal, involving for me a new building scheme, new estimates and plans, a new contract, the undoing all that has been done, and the probable loss of the offering tenant.

But the matter does not rest there.

I have good good grounds for saying that, if the proposed further deduction from my land were actually made, the proportions of any building erected thereon would be so seriously dwarfed as to render it unacceptable to the class of tenant I should otherwise secure.

I have already been offered by one of the leading Banks of this city the monthly rental of Rs. 1,500, clear of all taxes, including income tax, upon condition that I expend the sum of Rs. 1,25,000 upon the erection of the new building. But the cost of my projected building will be Rs. 1,50,000, and I therefore look for and have a distinct prospect of securing a return of Rs. 1,800 monthly rental.

Comparing this return with the annual 4 per cent which the sum of Rs. 1,50,000 yields in Government paper and after deducting such annual income, and (say) 20 per cent. for repairs, insurance, &c., the clear annual increment of income from my new building will amount to Rs. 11,280, which increment, when capitalized at a fair rate of interest, represents a sum of Rs. 2,82,000, that is to say, the price which the Municipality would have to pay with statutory additional allowances in case my land were compulsorily taken under the provision of the Land Acquisition Act. From this it is evident that I should be a considerable loser if I had to part with the land at any figure under Rs. 300 per square yard.

I need not say that it would have given me pleasure to meet your views, if I could have reconciled that course with the interests which I have to protect.

At the same time it must, I think, be admitted that the advantage to be derived from setting out the proposed new line is very remote, having regard to the conditions prevailing in Todd Street. It is not probable that new buildings will rise up throughout its long length, until a very considerable period has elapsed, and in any event large sums will have to be expended by the Municipality before improvement can become an established fact.

The breadth of the street as provided by the present fixed line will, I submit, be appropriate and sufficient, having regard to the utility as a thoroughfare and the normal traffic of Todd Street. But if I am wrong in this view, and if a breadth of 40 feet be essential, I venture further to submit that the whole of this large additional breadth ought not to be secured, even were it feasible so to secure it by a set-back on one side only of the street, but rather by an equal levy of land made on both sides.—I have, &c.,

RUSTOMJEE N. BYRAMJEE JEEJEEBHOY.

Read also letter No. 17035, dated 20th instant, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, as under:—

SIR,—With reference to Corporation Resolution No. 7843, dated 13th instant, I beg to forward a letter from Mr. Rustomji N. B. Jeejeebhoy. A portion of the building facing Ghoga Street being in a dilapidated condition was pulled down by the Municipality about 15 months ago.

On 26th October 1892 Mr. Rustomji applied for information regarding the amount of set-back, and also as to whether he would be allowed to set forward his building towards Hornby Road and erect an arcade. The statement that he had the building pulled down on the faith of the information regarding the set-back is therefore incorrect. The foundations have been commenced only since the question of an additional set-back was raised, though it is true that plans have been prepared on the information given by the Municipality. Four or five years ago Government sold a

similar plot on the opposite side of Hornby Road for Rs. 30 a square yard on a 999 years' lease, and a similar plot was afterwards sold by them at the same rate. They wish now to sell a corner plot on a 200 years' lease for Rs. 40, but I believe no offers can be elicited. The price fixed by Mr. Murzban for land in front of Mr. Rustomji's house (Rs. 50 towards Hornby Road and Rs. 25 towards Ghoga Street) is therefore liberal.

To widen Ghoga Street to 40 feet, an area of 170 square yards will be required beyond what has been taken. At Rs. 25 a square yard this will amount to Rs. 4,250, and Rs. 637 for compulsory acquisition, and Rs. 1,000 (Mr. Murzban's estimate) for foundations, and the total will be Rs. 5,888. Under the peculiar circumstances of the case the Corporation may deem it advisable in order to avoid litigation, and strictly without prejudice, to offer Rs. 50 per square yard plus Rs. 1,000 for foundations. This will give a total of Rs. 9,500. This must, if offered, be taken as being not the true value of the ground, but the value, plus a solatium paid in consideration of the circumstances.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Rahimtula M. Sayani, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner be authorized to offer Mr. Rustomjee N. B. Jeejeebhoy Rs. 50 per square yard for his land at the north-west corner of Todd Street required for the improvement of that thoroughfare in excess of the set-back already taken, plus Rs. 1,000 for foundations. This offer to be made without prejudice. If it is not accepted, the Standing Committee should be asked to authorize the Commissioner to acquire the land under the Land Acquisition Act at the market value."

Lost, the votes being 14 *for* and 22 *against*.

In accordance with notice, it was—

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That, with reference to Resolution No. 12240, passed by the Corporation on the 16th February 1893, the Municipal Commissioner be requested to submit a report regarding the success or otherwise of the experiment of Messrs. William and E. Garlick for the erection of a three-furnace regenerative incinerator in the compound of the Municipal Workshops for the disposal of city refuse."

The motion was seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.

The President said that, by the resolution of the Corporation passed on 16th February last, it was decided that the success or otherwise of the experiments in question

should be decided by the Commissioner alone. The Commissioner on that occasion stated that he would report the result to the Corporation, and now said that the experiments were still being proceeded with. Under these circumstances he (the President) asked if Mr. Shroff would withdraw his proposal.

With the consent of the meeting, Mr. Shroff withdrew the motion accordingly.

Considered letter No. 14989, dated 23rd ultimo, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—I have the honor to point out for the information of the Corporation that the agreement entered into with the Bombay Tramway Company for working Tramways in this City will expire on 12th March 1894. Under section XXX of Bombay Act No. I of 1874, and section 15 of the agreement embodied in the schedule attached thereto, the Corporation has the right of buying up the concern upon declaring its intention to do so within six months after that date. The terms of the purchase are given in the sections above quoted and are illustrated in an appendix or specification attached to the schedule. I would recommend that a small Committee be appointed to consider the question. I have had it under consideration with Mr. Kittredge and believe that the purchase would cost the Corporation something under 80 lakhs of rupees.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by S. Rebsch, Esq.—

"That letter No. 14989, dated 23rd October 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary on the subject of the expiry of the agreement with the Bombay Tramway Company for working Tramways in this City be referred to the following Committee for report:—The President, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Rebsch, Mr. Wacha, Mr. I. Rahimtula." *

First amendment, proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That, in reply to his letter No. 14989 of 23rd October 1893, the Commissioner be informed that the Corporation are not prepared to enter into negotiations for purchasing the business of the Tramway Company."

No. 8121.

Second amendment, proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Oxenham, seconded by Vandrawandas Purshotumdas, Esq.—

"That the meeting do adjourn."

*Mr. Rahimtula M. Sayani, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik and Mr. K. M. Shroff were nominated as members of the Committee, but asked that their names might be omitted as they were unable to serve thereon.

The second amendment was *lost*, the votes being 7 *for* and 16 *against*.

On a division, the first amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion, the votes being 14 *for* and 1 *against*.

The meeting then adjourned, and the President fixed Thursday, the 23rd instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, *23rd November* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 6th instant and adjourned from the 20th idem), held this day, there were present—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON—LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; S. REBSCH, Esq., M.I.C.E.; G.W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIVANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAVANDAS PURSHOTAMDAS, Esq.; ACACCIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th instant were signed.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram—

No. 8180. "That the Health Officer's Report for the second quarter of 1893, together with copy of his letter to the Commissioner, No. 21128 of 17th October last, be *recorded*." *

Carried.

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* *See* Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 18th October 1893.

Considered petition, dated 31st August last, from Messrs. Hormusjee Nowrojee, Bejanjee Jamsetjee and Nusserwanjee Ratanjee, stating that before the expiry of last year they were served with notices by the Municipality requiring them to lay a water-pipe in their stables situated at a distance of between 200 and 300 feet of a Municipal water connection. That they represented to the Commissioner that they had wells in their respective stables which contained sweet water and that such was fit for use of horses and was used by the neighbours of that locality for their horses also, and that therefore the petitioners should not be put to the heavy cost of taking a water connection from such a long distance. Praying that their licenses be renewed without their being required to go to the expense of providing water connections.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That Messrs. Hormusjee Nowrojee, Bejanjee Jamsetjee and Nusserwanjee Ruttonjee be informed, in reply to their petition, that the Commissioner reports that, under the powers vested in him by the Municipal Act 394 (1 *c*), he requires that water from the Municipal main be laid on to the stables in question."

No. 8181.

Carried.

Considered the following:—

No. 13552 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *4th October* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to para. 1 (*a*) of the Corporation Resolution No. 10533 of 11th January 1893, I have the honor to forward herewith a return giving the necessary information required therein.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

RETURN of Cases decided by the High Court (including Appeals) and the Small Cause Court in 1891—1892 pursuant to para. 1 of the Bombay Municipal Corporation Resolution No. 10533, dated the 11th January 1893.

Number of Suit or Appeal.	Whether in the High Court or the Small Cause Court.	Title of Suit or Appeal.	Date of Decision.	Result of Case.
Suit No. 24222 of 1890 ...	Small Cause Court.	Municipal Commissioner *vs.* Chubildass Lulloobhoy.	1st April 1891 ...	Decree in favour of the Municipality for amount claimed, with costs.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{20}$ of 1890 ...	Do. ...	Tricumdass Moolji and others *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	13th April 1891 ...	Decree in favour of the Municipality. Amount originally offered as compensation confirmed and costs allowed to Municipality.
Suit No. 23614 of 1890 ...	Do. ...	Municipal Commissioner *vs.* Rehimtoola Veerji.	29th April 1891 ...	Decree in favor of the Municipality for portion of claim.
Appeal in Suit No. 5 of 1890.	High Court ...	Municipal Commissioner *vs.* Serafina DeGa.	7th May 1891 ...	Appeal dismissed.
Suit No. 5615 of 1891 ...	Small Cause Court.	Cursondass Natha and another *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	11th May 1891 ...	Plaintiffs' claim reduced from Rs. 251-9-9 to Rs. 100. No costs allowed them.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{1}$ of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Goculdas Madhowji *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	15th May 1891 ...	Appeal allowed against the Municipality, with costs.
Suit No. 5494 of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Vinayek Trimbuck Dwarkanath *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	1st & 21st July 1891 ...	Decided in favor of the Municipality. Suit dismissed with costs.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{6}$ of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Caderdina Rahimtoola *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	8th July 1891 ...	Compensation reduced from Rs. 4,560 to Rs. 3,088-0-4.
Suit No. 15621 of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Municipal Commissioner *vs.* Bai Awabai, widow.	25th July 1891 ...	Decree in favor of Municipality for amount claimed.

Number of Suit or Appeal.	Whether in the High Court or the Small Cause Court.	Title of Suit or Appeal.	Date of Decision.	Result of Case.
Suit No. 5103 of 1891 ...	Small Cause Court	Narron Jaitha *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	29th July 1891 and 16th November 1891.	Claim for damages for child falling down manhole. Case stated to High Court. Damages reduced to Rs. 130. Referred to High Court for opinion.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{8}$ of 1891 ...	Do. ...	The Bombay University *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	7th October 1891 ...	Result adverse to Municipality, exemption from taxation being allowed.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{27}$ of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Damodar Meghji Vaid *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	11th November 1891 ...	In favor of the Municipality. Appeal dismissed with costs.
Suit No. 23848 of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Bhanji Doongersey *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	12th November 1891 ...	In favor of the Municipality. Suit dismissed. No order as to costs.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{35}$ of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Sorabji Nusserwanji Arsiwalla *vs* Municipal Commissioner.	23rd November 1891 ...	Election appeal. Appeal dismissed with costs.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{36}$ of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Krishnarao Bhaskerji Rele *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	Do. ...	Do. do. do.
Suit No. 2 of 1891 ...	High Court ...	Merwanji Kavasji Kararia *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	.....	Suit settled in favor of Municipality out of Court, plaintiff paying a portion of costs of Municipality, and terms as to purchase of his land agreed.
Suit No. 8799 of 1891 ...	Small Cause Court.	Rustomji Shapurji Seervai *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	.....	Defended on account of Bulkley & Co., Contractors. Amicably settled out of Court by them.
Suit No. 13259 of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Municipal Commissioner *vs.* Merwanji Edulji Madon.	.....	Suit withdrawn, defendant having paid amount of claim.
Suit No. 26417 of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Municipal Commissioner *vs.* Sirdar Diler Jung.	.....	Settled out of Court. Defendant paid amount of claim.

Number of Suit or Appeal.	Whether in the High Court or the Small Cause Court.	Title of Suit or Appeal.	Date of Decision.	Result of Case.
Suit No. 23293 of 1891 ...	Small Cause Court.	Ramchander Krishnarao Manker *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	.....	In favor of Municipality. Suit withdrawn.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{28}$ of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Rookminavahooji *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	.....	Settled amicably out of Court. Exemption allowed under the advice of the Municipal Solicitors.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{30}$ of 1891 ...	Do. ...	Khunderao Moroji *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	.....	Settled out of Court. One-fifth drawback allowed under the advice of the Municipal Solicitors.
Suit No. 24 of 1891 ...	High Court ...	Anundrao Dinanath *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	13th February 1892 ...	Decree in favor of Municipality. Suit dismissed with costs.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{3}$ of 1892 ...	Small Cause Court.	Nowroji Byramji Suntook *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	15th February 1892 ...	Election appeal. Appeal dismissed. No order as to costs of Municipality.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{7}$ of 1892 ...	Do. ...	Vunmalidass Jewandass *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	2nd March 1892 ...	One-fifth remission appeal. Appeal dismissed with costs.
Suit No. 3760 of 1892 ...	Do. ...	Municipal Commissioner *vs.* Elijah Samuel Israel.	4th March 1892 ...	Decree passed in favor of Municipality for full amount claimed.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{2}$ of 1892 ...	Do. ...	Panachand Heerachand *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	7th March 1892 ...	In favor of the Municipality. Appeal dismissed with costs. Rateable value confirmed.
Suit No. 241 of 1892 ...	High Court ...	Dhondiba Krishnaji and others *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	11th March 1892 ...	Defended on Contractors' account. Decree for damages and costs against Municipality.
Appeal No. $\frac{M}{4}$ of 1892 ...	Small Cause Court.	Sadanand Shricristna *vs.* Municipal Commissioner.	.....	Settled out of Court. One-fifth drawback allowed under the advice of the Municipal Solicitors.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, seconded by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 13552, dated 4th October 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding a return of cases decided by the High Court (including appeals) and the Small Causes Court in 1891-92, in which the Municipality was either the plaintiff or the defendant or the appellant or the respondent.

"2. That from and after this date the initiative in incurring law charges shall only be taken by the officers of any department of the Municipality after receiving direct orders from the Commissioner."

Amendment proposed by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by Vandrawandas Purshotumdas, Esq.—

"That letter No. 13532, dated 4th ultimo, from the Commissioner, forwarding return of cases decided by the High Court and the Court of Small Causes in which the Municipality was either plaintiff or defendant or appellant or respondent, be *recorded*."

No. 8182.

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik was allowed to *withdraw* his motion.

The *amendment* was then *carried* as a substantive proposition.

Considered the following:—

Monthly Return of Sick Treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, for the Month of September 1893.

No.	Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	RESULT.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	1	3	4	3	...	1	4
2	Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Cholera	1	12	13	5	8	...	13
	Total ...	2	15	17	8	8	1	17

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 19788 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *4th October* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 13723 OF *6th October* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary with reference to Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That memorandum No. 13723, dated 6th October 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding monthly return, be *recorded*."

No. 8183.

Carried.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by G. Cotton, Esq.—

"That letter to the Secretary, dated 19th October 1893, from Hadji Siddick Hadji Mussa, suggesting that a maze should be made in the Victoria Gardens, be *recorded*."

No. 8184.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 14660 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *18th October* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a resolution and plan received from the Secretary, Port Trust, and to request the sanction of the Corporation, under section 327 of the Municipal Act, to the roads referred to therein being named as proposed by the Trustees.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Excerpt from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay, held on the 3rd October 1893.

1. Read letter from the Engineer, No. $\frac{1899}{24}$, dated 4th August 1893, forwarding plan No. $\frac{8899}{L-1}$ with the request that names may be given to the new roads shown thereon, and stating that the roads AB and BC are completed and the roads LS, HI and OP are approaching completion, and that the main road from Tank Bunder Causeway to Sewri Road and the road from Connaught Road on the north side of Ghorupdeo Hill will be completed at the end of 1893.

Roads on Mazagon Estate named.

Read minutes of the Land and Railways Committee, recommending that, in accordance with the practice of giving names to roads before they are transferred to the Municipality, the roads AB and BC, which are practically one, be named "Quay Street," that the roads HI and OP which are similarly one, be called "Mill Street," and the road LS "Kasara Street"; that the naming of the main road be deferred for the present; that the road (C) should bear the same name as the Municipal road, namely Connaught Road; and that none of the roads east of the through road should be handed over to the Municipality at present.

RESOLUTION No. 306.—The question should be referred to the Municipal Commissioner for disposal with the suggestion that Road AB, BC, be named "Quay Street," Road HI, OP be named "Kasara Street," Road LS together with the extension north-east to the Government Powder Magazine be named "Magazine Street;" that the extension of the Connaught Road should bear the same name, and that the question of naming the through road be deferred.

F. G. DUMAYNE,
Secretary.

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That letter No. 14660, dated 18th ultimo, from the Commissioner, be referred back to him with a request that he will suggest an alteration in the names proposed for 'Quay Street,' 'Kasara Street' and 'Magazine Street.'"

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, the motion was *withdrawn*.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Dominick A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 14660, dated 18th ultimo, sanction be given, under the terms of section 327 of the Municipal Act, to the roads referred to in the Port Trust's Resolution No. 306 of 3rd idem being named 'Quay Street,' 'Kasara Street,' 'Magazine Street' and 'Connaught Road.'"

No. 8185.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Harkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner's Administrative Report for the year 1892-93, the report of the Auditors to the Corporation for the same period, and the 'Review' of the same by the Standing Committee, be *recorded*."

No. 8186.

Amendment moved by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That, with reference to the remarks contained in paras. 4, 5 and 6 of his annual report, the Municipal Commissioner be requested to obtain from the Health Officer a detailed report embracing the following subject :—

"'I. The districts in "which the island is flooded and irrigated with water" and the extent of such flooding in each district, with the source from which the evidence is obtained.

"'II. The districts in which public health has suffered since the introduction of Tansa water, the extent of such suffering, the diseases caused by the additional water and the excess mortality due, or probably due, to the same, distinguishing age, sex, caste and occupation.

"'III. Any additional evidence bearing on excessive water supply, absence of drainage and consequent deterioration of public health which Municipal records may afford.'"

The amendment was accepted as a rider to the original motion.

While Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha was addressing the meeting, Mr. G. Lund invited the President's attention to the want of a quorum. The Secretary having counted the members reported that there were 20 Councillors present. The debate was resumed by Mr. Wacha.

The motion, with the rider, on being put to the vote, was *carried*.

The meeting adjourned and the President fixed Monday, the 27th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, *27th November* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 6th instant, and adjourned from 23rd idem), held this day, there were present—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq., COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D. L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHOY JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULLA, Esq.;

THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; G. LUND, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDASS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd instant were signed.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

No. 8548. "That, in the opinion of the Corporation, it is very desirable that some authority should exist for preventing the nuisance caused by adults and children fouling the public streets, and which nuisance is a source of grave danger to public health.

"That the President be requested to address Government on the subject of amending the Police Act in such a way as will prevent the commission of the nuisance of fouling the public streets."

The motion was seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq., and *carried*.*

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That, in view of the unsatisfactory analysis of the Tulsi Lake water, the Municipal Commissioner be requested to report as to what step or steps he would recommend to be taken in order to improve the quality of the water."

The motion was seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.

Lost, the votes being 2 *for* and 15 *against*.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

No. 8549. "That the consideration of item No. 27 be postponed until the Commissioner has submitted a detailed report as to the excess of Rs. 30,000 on the grant for law charges."

Carried.

* With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, the words "adults and" were inserted before the word "children;" with the same permission and consent, the words "of some legislative provision being made for the checking of this nuisance" were struck out after the words "subject of," and the following words inserted in place thereof: "of amending the Police Act in such a way as will prevent the commission of the nuisance of fouling the public streets."

Read petition, dated 25th September 1893, from Mr. Ramjanbhai Babanbhai, the contractor for a period of three years, from 1st March 1892, for supplies as per margin, stating that he had sustained great loss in carrying out of such contract, and requesting that he may be granted some compensation for the losses he has already sustained and the losses he will still sustain.

(1) of pairs of bullocks (with yoke, bands, rope and one adult driver) at 14 annas per each pair of bullocks per day; (2) of single bullocks (with yoke, bands, rope and one adult driver) at the rate of 9 annas per each bullock per day; and (3) of labour carts with bullocks and adult driver (with yoke, bands and ropes) at the rate of 1 rupee and 2 annas per each labour cart and pair of bullocks per day.

Proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 8550. "That, in reply to his petition, dated 25th September last, Mr. Ramjanbhai Babanbhai be informed that he has no claim for compensation on account of any losses he may have sustained in the carrying out of his contract for the supply of bullocks and drivers."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.—

No. 8551. "That, in reply to their application, dated 13th October 1893, Messrs. John Taylor Sons and Santo Crimp, Civil Engineers, London, be informed that the Corporation have no present intention of appointing a Consulting Engineer."

Carried.

In accordance with notice it was proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 8552. "That the attention of the Municipal Commissioner be drawn to the suggestion made by the Health Officer contained in his first Quarterly Report of 1893, which is as follows :—

"'With so much water running to waste, the time has come to consider whether some of the water could not be used to a purpose, whether some of the ancient tanks, at one time works of great charity, could not be made into swimming baths. It is very desirable that the Municipality should, as a health measure, construct baths open to all classes and free of all charge, not only in the City but on the foreshore.'

"And that the Commissioner be requested to favour the Corporation with a report as to—

"(1) Whether it is practicable to so utilise public tanks in Bombay.

"(2) To estimate the cost of converting one of such tanks into a swimming bath as an experiment."

The motion was seconded by Shivaji Dhurmaji, Esq., and *carried*.

Considered the following :—

DRAFT BY-LAWS FRAMED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 461 OF THE CITY OF BOMBAY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1888.

The Committee appointed by the Corporation on the 18th ultimo, as per margin, beg to report that they have carefully considered all the provisions of the draft By-laws in question, and are of opinion that, subject to the modifications made by the Committee in certain sections, these By-laws should now be sanctioned by the Corporation. In their drafting, great care appears to have been taken to make them as equitable as possible in the interests both of the public and of the particular classes who will be subjected to their provisions, but, after consulting the Commissioner and the Health Officer, it seemed to the Committee to be desirable that Section 46 (as originally numbered) should be struck out and that Section 50 (as originally numbered) should be so modified as to provide that, instead of being required to keep tanks, barrels, and a constant supply of water on hand, licensed hay-dealers shall only be liable, if so required by the Commissioner, to lay water mains to their premises. In like manner, Section 3 of the Rules relating to the cleanliness of milk stores and vessels has been omitted as unnecessary in milch-cattle stables of improved construction ; whilst in certain sections the word "thoroughly," when occurring before the words "cleanly" and "cleansed," has been omitted.

"That a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen be appointed to consider and report on the draft by-laws framed by the Commissioner, under Section 461, clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*q*), (*h*), and (*y*) of the Municipal Act, forwarded with his letter No. 10022, dated 14th August 1893 :—The President, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Geary, Dr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Dr. Katrak, Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Mr. Sayani."

The details of all the amendments made in the various sections as originally numbered are as follows :—

Page 3, *Section* 2.—After the word "lakes" the words "or in any stream, duct or conduit" inserted.

Section 5.—The word "thoroughly" omitted before the word "cleanly."

Page 5, *Section* 10.—The word "thoroughly" omitted before the word "cleansed."

Page 9, *Section* 29.—The words "Provided, however, that" inserted before the word "nothing."

Section 30.—The word "thoroughly" omitted before the word "cleansed."

Page 10, *Section* 36.—In the last line after the word "him," the following words inserted: "or them."

Section 37.—After the words "milch cattle," the following words inserted: "or horses or other four-footed animals."

Section 38.—The words "dressed with suitable material" struck out, and the following words inserted in place thereof: "made with suitable material and sloped."

Page 11, *Section* 42, *line* 2.—After the word "cleansed" the words "and flushed" inserted.

Page 12, *Section* 44.—The word "two" struck out, and the word "four" inserted in place thereof.

Section 45, *line* 8.—After the word "thereon" the words "that is to say, a minimum space of 3 feet shall be left between every two stacks," inserted.

Line 11.—The figures "30" inserted in place of "20."

Line 12.—The figures "20" inserted in place of "10."

Line 13.—The following words inserted after the word "space": "provided the height does not exceed the width of the base in either case."

Line 17.—After the word "taken" the following words inserted: "if so required by the Commissioner".

Page 13, *Section* 46—Struck out.

Page 14, *Section* 50 (now 49), *line* 4.—All the words after the word "shall" to the word "also" in line 9 struck out.

Section 52 (now 51).—All the words after "Commissioner" struck out.

Page 17, *Section* 1, *line* 3.—The words "or in any stable" struck out.

Section 3—Struck out.

Page 21, "A" No. 2.—The figure "4" inserted in place of "8."
3.—The figure "2" inserted in place of "4."
4.—The figure "4" inserted in place of "8."

THOMAS BLANEY.
WALTER HUGHES.
GRATTAN GEARY.
BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA.
IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA.
NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK.
R. M. SAYANI.

BOMBAY, *9th October* 1893.

Proposed by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq., seconded by Shivaji Dhurmaji, Esq.—

No. 8553. "That the Corporation now give notice of their intention to take into consideration for final approval, under the terms of section 465 (1) of the Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888, the draft by-laws which, pursuant to section 461, clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*), (*j*) and (*p*) of the said Act, the Municipal Commissioner has laid before them and which have been revised by a Committee of the Corporation.

"That the necessary notification be given by advertisement in the *Government Gazette*, and other local newspapers, of the intention of the Corporation to so consider the said by-laws at a date not less than six weeks from the publication of the notification."

Carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, 7*th December* 1893.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation, held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HALILAL SETALVAD, B.A. LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M.& S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GOOLAMHOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KARSANDAS CHABILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDASS, Esq; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDASS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the CHIEF ACCOUNTANT; the WATER ENGINEER; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th ultimo were signed.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq.—

"That letter to the Secretary, dated London, 20th October 1893, from Mr. Selim Solomon, resigning his seat in the Corporation, be *recorded*."

No. 8963.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 7253 of 1893.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, *18th November* 1893.

To THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 6752, dated the 17th ultimo, and in reply to forward herewith, for the information of the Corporation, a copy of a Resolution of Government in this Department, No. 7251, dated this day, from which it will be seen that Government has nominated the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta to be a Member of the Committee appointed to consider the proposals of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, to increase the City Police force.—I have, &c.,

C. H. A. HILL,
for Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 7251.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 18th November, 1893.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 5580—6, dated the 10th September, 1893—Stating that the very serious disturbances between the Musalmans and Hindus of the town, which broke out on the 11th August 1893 and lasted with unabated vigour for three days, have fully proved that the Police force of Bombay is utterly inadequate, and recommending the following increase to the Bombay Police, *viz.*, 20 Europeans, 117 Native Constables (Mounted), and 150 Armed Native Constables (Foot).

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 5602—6, dated the 11th September, 1893—Inviting attention to his letter No. 5580—6, dated the 10th September, 1893, and stating that he is now engaged in enlisting men in connection with the augmentation of the Force, sanctioned by Government Resolution No. 5389, dated the 28th August, 1893, and that he thinks that it will be most advisable to train some of the recruits to the use of arms. Requesting permission to the issue of 100 Snider carbines, complete with all accoutrements and with 20 blank cartridges per man. Adding that, on receipt of orders, he would prefer indents on the Ordnance Department for the supply of the arms, &c.

Letter to the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay, No. 6367, dated the 10th October, 1893—Stating that as it has been decided to consult a Committee on the abovementioned proposals of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, Government will be glad, if it would be agreeable to the Corporation to nominate one of their number, to appoint their nominee to be a member of the proposed Committee; and that Government would leave it to the Corporation to decide in what capacity their nominee should join the Committee, whether merely as a member appointed to watch the interests of the Corporation, or as one duly qualified to represent the views of that body.

Letters Nos. 6369 and 6370, dated the 10th October, 1893, and Nos. 6605 and 6606, dated the 18th October, 1893, to Messrs. George Cotton, C. Douglas, His Highness Aga Akbar Shah and Mr. Vijbhukandas Atmaram—Inviting them to become members of the proposed Committee, and requesting them to inform Government whether they would be willing to join it.

Letter to the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 6428, dated the 11th October, 1893—Requesting him, with reference to his letter No. 5580—6, dated the 10th September, 1893, to report fully on the question of stabling for the horses of the Mounted Police, both as to the localities where stables would be required and as to the cost of constructing them in places where there is at present no accommodation which could be made use of.

Letter from the President, Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, No. 6752, dated the 17th October, 1893—Forwarding, for information, the following copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Corporation held on the 12th October, 1893:—

"That the President be requested to inform Government, with reference to its letter No. 6367 of the 10th instant, that, without expressing any opinion on the questions referred to therein, the Corporation have, as desired, nominated the Honourable Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta to be appointed to serve, as a member, on the Committee to be appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council, and that Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta has been requested to serve, as a member, on the Committee to watch the interests of the Municipality."

Letter from Mr. G. Cotton, dated the 10th October, 1893;

Letter from Mr. C. Douglas, dated the 10th October, 1893;

Letter from Mr. Vijbhukandas Atmaram, dated the 20th October, 1893;

Letter from His Highness Aga Akbar Shah, dated the 21st October, 1893;

} Stating that they are willing to serve as members of the Committee to be appointed by Government for considering the proposals submitted by the Commissioner of Police for strengthening the Police of the City of Bombay; Mr. Douglas mentioning, at the same time, that he is likely to be absent from Bombay a great deal during December and January next.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 6855—6, dated the 27th October, 1893—Submitting, with reference to Government letter No. 6428, dated the 11th October, 1893, his report on the question of providing stables for the horses of the Bombay City Mounted Police. Making remarks and giving items of the cost of housing the Mounted Police.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency in Council is pleased to refer the letters of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, Nos. 5580—6 and 5602—6, dated, respectively, the 10th and 11th September, 1893, to a Committee composed of—

Brigadier-General W. T. Budgen ;
The Collector of Bombay ;
The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay ;
His Highness Aga Akbar Shah ;
The Honourable Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta ;
The Commissioner of Police, Bombay ;
Mr. G. Cotton ;
Mr. C. Douglas ;
Mr. Vijbhukandas Atmaram.

2. The Committee should be requested to take into consideration the arguments advanced by the Commissioner of Police in favour of an increase of the City Police over and above that recently sanctioned by Her Majesty's Secretary of State, and to give its opinion only as to the increase in the numbers of European and of mounted and armed police considered necessary by the Commissioner as stated in paragraph 34 of his letter No. 5580—6, dated the 10th September, 1893, starting from the following data, *viz.* :—

(1) Government consider a force of mounted police essential;

(2) Government consider that an armed police force is not appropriate for ordinary police duties in a city, but is necessary for guard mounting over gaols, lock-ups, treasuries and such buildings, and for the escort of treasure and prisoners. The establishment of the armed branch of the City Police should, therefore, be limited to such strength as will suffice for the above duties with the necessary reliefs.

The Committee is also at liberty to express an opinion on the proposals of the Commissioner as regards the arms to be carried by the mounted and armed branches of the City Police.

3. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief should be addressed with a view to obtaining the services of Brigadier-General Budgen, who, if deputed, should be requested to fill the post of Chairman of the Committee.

4. Copies of the reports of the Committees of 1890 should be supplied to the members and, if desired, copies of any Government Resolutions resulting therefrom.

C. H. A. HILL,
Under Secretary to Government.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, seconded by Nowroji J. Gamadia, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, No. 7253, Judicial Department, dated 18th November 1893, from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth, forwarding Government Resolution No. 7251, same department and same date."

No. 8964.

Carried.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That a Committee of the Corporation be appointed to prepare an Address of Welcome to the Right Hon'ble the Earl of Elgin, Viceroy designate, on his arrival in Bombay. The committee to consist of the President, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Mr. Grattan Geary, the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, and Mr. R. M. Sayani.

No. 8965.

"2. That, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the necessary outlay for provision of a silver casket to contain the address."*

The motion was seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq., and *carried.*

Proposed by Ardasir D. Modi, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Sing—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, dated 27th October 1893, from Mr. Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey for self and brother Madhovji, thanking the Corporation for their vote of condolence on the death of the late Mr. Damodher Thackersey Muljee."

No. 8966.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Fardunji N. Bisni, Esq. :—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 7868, dated 15th November 1893, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 2,394 for the cost of fitting up the retiring room and library for Councillors in the new Municipal Hall and of providing accommodation for the clerks who will be displaced by the arrangement.

No. 8967.

* *Note.*—Para. 2 was added on the suggestion of the President.

"That, of this amount, Rs. 845 for furnishing and fitting the room be debited to savings on the grant for furnishing the offices, and Rs. 1,549 for the cost of providing accommodation for clerks, to savings in the grant for contingencies, Building Loan.

"That, as further recommended by the Standing Committee, sanction be given to a grant of Rs. 750 for cost of providing a new table for the Council Hall as per sketch, to the debit of savings in the grant for furniture as above."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 8968. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 8159, dated 22nd November 1893, sanction be given to the grant, from surplus cash balance or loan fund balances, of Rs. 61,200 to provide for the payment of the full monthly instalments of the Vehar debt, pending receipt of the Viceroy's sanction to a short Act being passed, reducing the amount of the monthly instalments consequent on the extension of the period of repayment; such excess payments to be recovered when the amending Act has been passed."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 8969. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 7861, dated 15th November 1893, sanction be given to the following expenditure being met out of savings in the road repairs and maintenance grant, *viz.*, (1) cost of 6-ton steam roller, Rs. 6,000; (2) 1,000 solid steel pick-axes, Rs. 2,000; (3) 11 hand road rollers at Rs. 75 each, Rs. 825; (4) 2 scraping machines at Rs. 400 each, Rs. 800; (5) 5 brushing machines at Rs. 1,050 each, Rs. 5,250: total Rs. 14,875."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. Lund, Esq.—

No 8970. "That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 1,765-8-4 from savings in the grant for D,

road repairs and maintenance, section 2, cart-hire, &c., (labour carts), to C, road watering, 1 and 2, establishment for watering, to meet excess on the latter head."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

No. 8971. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 8150, dated 22nd November 1893, sanction be given to the budgetted number of lamps being increased from 3,565 to 3,575, to provide for the improved lighting of the Port Trust dock wharfs for the better prevention of accidents from people falling into the water. The cost of the lamps, Rs. 1,476, to be debited to the grant for gas lighting, E, contingencies, and the monthly charge, Rs. 232-12-6, to the grant for gas lighting, A, streets and buildings, current year's budget."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

No. 8972. "That the consideration of memorandum from the Commissioner, No. 15658, dated 1st ultimo, applying for an additional grant for law charges be postponed until the details of the excess charges have been placed before the Corporation."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 2605 OF 1893.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, 25*th November* 1893.

TO THE PRESIDENT
of the Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 2856, dated 24th June last, on the subject of an additional building grant for constructing the Bhuleshwar Vernacular School, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the notes of the Chief Engineer, Northern Division, on the revised design, and to state that His Excellency in Council is pleased to sanction the additional grant of Rs. 3,500 asked for, subject to the notes being acted on.—I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Notes on Revised Design for Bhuleshwar Market and School.

1. The first floor double-rolled iron beams, 27½ feet long, are not strong enough to carry the weight of the cross walls as well as of the flooring.
2. The same remark applies to the corresponding wood beams in the second floor.
3. The first floor might be coated with patent stone instead of cement which so often fails.
4. The second floor will be noisy and probably it will be found necessary to provide a ceiling under it.

W. OSBORN, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, Northern Division.

Proposed by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh, seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, No. 2605, Educational Department, dated 25th November 1893, from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth."

Rider, proposed by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner be requested to ascertain from the Executive Engineer whether the proposed additions to the building are considered necessary, and whether they will involve any additional outlay on the part of the Corporation."

The rider was accepted as part of the original motion.

Amendment, proposed by S. Rebsch, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham—

"That the offer contained in Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth's letter No. 2605, Educational Department, dated 25th ultimo, with the conditions attached thereto, be accepted by the Corporation."

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 4 *for* and 19 *against*.

The original motion, as amended by the rider, was *carried* (by 18 votes *against* none) as follows :—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, No. 2605, Educational Department, dated 25th November 1893, from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth.

No. 8973.

"That the Commissioner be requested to ascertain from the Executive Engineer whether the proposed additions to the building are considered necessary, and whether they will involve any additional outlay on the part of the Corporation."

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No 8974. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 7635, dated 10th November 1893, sanction be given to the writing off of Rs. 3,756-6-6, from the live-stock return of the Health Department, being the book-value of 58 bullocks that died during the quarter ending 31st August 1893."

Carried.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 8975. "That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 8575, dated 27th November 1893, from the Municipal Secretary, reporting budget transfer sanctioned by the Standing Committee on the 22nd idem, amounting to Rs. 500."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 7398 OF 1893.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY, 23*rd November* 1893.

TO THE PRESIDENT,

Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Corporation, copy of a resolution of Government in this department, No. 7397, dated this day, and to request that the Corporation will issue the necessary instructions for payment every month of Rs. 30,000 on account of the cost of the City Police, subject to settlement at the close of the financial year.—I have, &c.,

C. H. A. HILL,

for Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 7397.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 23rd November 1893.

Letter from the Accountant General, Bombay, No. P.A.-18423, dated the 2nd October 1893—Suggesting, in reply to this Department memorandum No. 6021, dated the 26th September 1893, that a monthly instalment of Rs. 30,000 should be recovered on account of the City Police from the Bombay Municipality, the balance being settled at the close of each financial year.

RESOLUTION.—The suggestion of the Accountant General is approved, and the Municipal Corporation of Bombay should be requested to make payments accordingly, subject to settlement of the balance at the close of the financial year.

C. H. A. HILL,

Under-Secretary to Government.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham, seconded by G. Lund, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the President, No. 7398, Judicial Department, dated 23rd November 1893, from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth, forwarding for information of the Corporation copy of Government Resolution No. 7397, same department and same date, and requesting that the Corporation will issue the necessary instructions for payment every month of Rs. 30,000 on account of the cost of the City Police, subject to settlement at the close of the financial year.

No. 8976.

" That sanction be given to the payment every month of Rs. 30,000 on account of the cost of the City Police, subject to settlement at the close of the financial year."

Carried.

In accordance with notice of motion given by the President, the following letter was read :—

No, 7576 OF 1893.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,
Bombay CASTLE, 1*st December* 1893.

To THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 6755, dated the 18th October 1893, requesting that the Corporation may be supplied with a copy of the despatch No. 93, dated the 27th April 1893, from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, relative to the increase of the Bombay City Police; and in reply to say that Government regret that a copy cannot be furnished as it is contrary to the established practice to furnish copies of despatches.—I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal Harilal Setalvad—

" That the consideration of letter No. 7576, dated 1st instant, from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth to the President, on the subject of despatch to the Bombay Government from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India regarding the increase of the Bombay City Police force, be postponed till the January meeting."

No. 8977.

Carried.

On the application of the Commissioner, the Corporation agreed, under the terms of section 36 (*l*) of the Municipal Act, to consider as "urgent business" Resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 8905, dated 6th instant, recommending the payment of an advance for the purchase of Kerosine oil.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Shivaji Dhurmajee, Esq.—

No. 8978. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, sanction be given to an advance of Rs. 17,395-13-4 from surplus cash balance for the purchase of 5,000 cases of Kerosine oil. The amount to be adjusted from the grant for Kerosine oil lighting, budget for 1894-95."

Carried.

The ordinary business of the meeting was then resumed.

Considered the following :—

No. 17499 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY; *25th November* 1893.

THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to the Corporation Resolution No. 5720 of the 18th September last, I have the honor to state that I have communicated with the Agent, B. B. & C. I. Railway Company, who has now no objection to the substitution of the following condition (similar to that laid down for the 24" water main under the Railway at Chowpati) as regards the possible damage to the Railway in the case of the laying of the 6" pipe drain under the Railway, south of the Churney Road Station :—"Damage to Railway.—This pipe under or near the Railway may burst causing damage to the line and works and perhaps serious detention to traffic. The responsibility for such a mishap will be definitely attached to and accepted by the Municipality. The Municipality will not, however, be responsible for any damage to which the Railway Company may have contributed."

The above condition clearly defines the liability of the Municipality, and I have to request the sanction of the Corporation to the terms proposed in this office No. 10017 of 14th August 1893, with the last condition now substituted being accepted.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham, seconded by S. Rebsch, Esq.—

No. 8979. "That the Corporation accord their sanction to the acceptance of the following conditions proposed by the B. B. & C. I. Railway Company and sub-

mitted by the Commissioner with his letters Nos. 10017 and 17499, dated 14th August and 25th November 1893 respectively, to the Secretary, for the laying of a 6″ earthenware pipe under Railway land, south of Churney Road Railway Station, for the latrines erected on the ground leased to the Municipality by Government thereat, *viz.* :—

Conditions for the laying of a 6″ earthenware pipe under Railway land south of Churney Road Station at mileage 2·2708.

Land.—The Railway Company will surrender no land to the Municipality, but will rent to them the site of the pipe under the surface of the land for the nominal sum of Re. 1 per annum.

Design.—The pipe to be laid substantially so as to provide for four lines of rails passing over it on a well consolidated bed and to be accessible by manholes outside the Railway boundary.

Charges.—The cost of the work, inclusive of supervision charges at 15 per cent., to be borne wholly by the Municipality, funds to the amount of the estimated cost being deposited by the Municipality prior to commencement of work.

Maintenance.—The Railway Company shall not be put to any expe se in connection with the drain passing through their property. The Railway Company will undertake the maintenance of the drain within their boundaries at the cost of the Municipality.

Damage to Railway.—This pipe under or near the Railway may burst causing damage to the line and works and perhaps serious detention to traffic. The responsibility for such a mishap will be definitely attached to and accepted by the Municipality. The Municipality will not, however, be responsible for any damage to which the Railway Company may have contributed."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 17183 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 22*nd November* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward a tracing, showing in red colour one of the proposed roads sanctioned for the Dadar and Matunga Districts by the Corporation in their Resolution No. 881, dated 28th April 1890, and in yellow colour the ground acquired by Government at a cost of Rs. 32,460 for Police quarters at Dadar, through which the road passes. It will be seen that the proposed road will interfere very much with the site for the Police quarters and will materially reduce the area available.

With the view of acquiring that portion of the area coloured yellow, which is scored red, I addressed a letter to Government who

replied that, if the Municipality take up the portion scored red out of the plot acquired for Police quarters, they should take over the whole area at the cost paid by Government, as the part remaining, after deducting that required for the road, would be useless to Government for any purpose. I informed Government that the price which they paid for the land in question, *viz.*, Rs. 6-2-11 the square yard, was so high that the Municipality could not purchase the whole plot, and proposed to alter the alignment of the road so as to give a minimum depth of 100 feet to the plot required for the Police Lines. The altered alignment of the road is shown in blue lines on the tracing. Government have accepted the arrangement proposed by me and suggest that the Municipality should give them land in continuation of their ground, in order to compensate for the area to be taken for the road, and that the relative values of the plots to be taken over and given by the Municipality should be adopted as a basis for the exchange. The arrangement suggested by Government seems to be fair, and I propose to give to Government a strip of land out of the plot marked A and coloured green on the tracing in exchange for the Government land to be taken up for the proposed road. The plot measures altogether about 8,000 square yards, and the Collector estimates its value at 12 annas per square yard. It will be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act with the approval of the Standing Committee, under Section 91 (1) of the Municipal Act, through the Collector, and its cost debited to the 15 lakhs loan for roads in Agripada and elsewhere.

Under the circumstances I request the sanction of the Corporation to the altered alignment of the road as shown in blue lines and to the exchange proposed above.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. G. A. Maconachie, seconded by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. S. O'B. Banks—

No. 8980.

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter to the Secretary, No. 17183, dated 22nd November 1893, sanction be given to the altered alignment of one of the proposed roads for the Dadar and Matunga Districts as shown between blue lines on the tracing marked "A," dated this day, and filed in supplement to minute books.

"That sanction be also given to the handing over to Government of a strip of land out of the plot marked A and coloured green on the same tracing in exchange for Government land, hatched in red lines on the said plan, required for the road."

Carried.

Proposed by S. Rebsch, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter to the Secretary, No. 16142, dated 6th November 1893, sanction be given to the sale to Government, at Rs. 5 per square yard, of 2·32 square yards, or thereabout, of ground situated at the extreme south end of Walkeshwar Road as shown in red on the tracing submitted, marked B and filed in supplement to minute books, the land being required for the improvement of the road leading to the Government House compound."

No. 8981.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 17421 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *24th November 1893.*

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to the Corporation Resolution No. 3002 of the 26th June last, I have the honor to forward revised estimates of the works therein referred to.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

REVISED ESTIMATES.

(1) Estimate framed by M. C. Murzban, Esq., C.I.E., Executive Engineer, Municipality, of the probable expense that will be incurred in constructing the proposed Gilder Road with storm-water drains in Agripada District, Rs. 99,206.

General Description.—It is proposed to construct the proposed Gilder Street, including storm-water drains in the Agripada District north of Byculla Club, as detailed in the accompanying abstract.

(2) Estimate framed by M. C. Murzban, Esq., C.I.E., Executive Engineer, Municipality, of the probable expense that will be incurred in constructing the proposed Souter Road with storm-water drains in Agripada District, Rs. 58,500.

General Description.—It is proposed to construct the proposed Souter Road, including storm-water drains in the Agripada District north of Byculla Club, as detailed in the accompanying abstract.

(3) Estimate framed by M. C. Murzban, Esq., C.I.E., Executive Engineer, Municipality, of the probable expense that will be incurred in constructing the proposed Morland Road with storm-water drains in Agripada District, Rs. 51,921.

General Description.—It is proposed to construct the proposed Morland Road, including storm-water drains in the Agripada District north of Byculla Club, as detailed in the accompanying abstract.

(4) Estimate framed by M. C. Murzban, Esq., C.I.E., Executive Engineer, Municipality, of the probable expense that will be incurred in constructing the proposed Club Street with storm-water drains in Agripada District, Rs. 51,160.

General Description.—It is proposed to construct the proposed Club Street, including storm-water drains in the Agripada District north of Byculla Club, as detailed in the accompanying abstract.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the Secretary, No. 17421, dated 24th November 1893, from the Commissioner."

No. 8982.

Carried.

Mr. Lund invited the President's attention to the want of a quorum.

The Secretary, on counting the number of Councillors, reported that there was not a quorum of members remaining, and the proceedings were then adjourned for want of a quorum. The President fixed Monday, the 11th instant, at 3-30 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 11*th December* 1893.

AT a meeting of urgency held this day for the purpose of considering the adoption of an address of welcome to Dadabhai Naoroji, Esq., M. P., on his return to Bombay, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJEE WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJEE NASARWANJEE BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HARKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; RAHIMTULLA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th instant were signed.

Letter, dated Ahmedabad, the 10th instant, was received from Mr. Bhaishankar Nanabhai expressing his regret at not being able to attend (on account of domestic bereavement) the meeting called for voting the address.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 9221.

"That the following Committee be appointed to prepare and arrange for the presentation of an address of welcome to Dadabhai Naoroji, Esq., M. P., on his return to Bombay after his election as a member of Parliament :—The President, Mr. Roughton, Mr. Sayani, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal Umiashanker Yajnik, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, and the Hon'ble Mr. P. M. Mehta.*

"That, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the cost of illuminating the address and of enclosing it in a suitable casket."

Carried unanimously.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, 11*th December* 1893.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 7th instant and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZULBHOY JOOMABHOY LALJEE, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HARKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAVANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKER YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO N. KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; G. LUND, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESMMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA; PRANJIVANDAS CULLIANDAS, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

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* The name of the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta was added on the proposal of the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Harkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

No. 9222.

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 7333, dated 1st November 1893, and in supersession of paras. *a* and *b* only of the Corporation's resolution No. 5294 of 19th November 1888, sanction be given to the following arrangements regarding the adjustment in the Municipal accounts of premia received on the raising of Municipal loans from the public, *viz.*—

"'2. That the net balance, after defraying cost of advertising, printing, stamping, brokerage and all other charges in connection with the issuing of debentures, be credited to the Municipal Fund.

"'3. That such net balance or balances, instead of being applied to ordinary expenditure or otherwise specially applied by order of the Corporation or appropriated towards the reduction of the amount of the next instalment of the loan then sanctioned to be raised, be kept in a separate fund and invested in public securities as a reserve to meet (*a*) losses on issue of the debentures for loans subscribed for by the public at a discount; (*b*) cost of advertising, printing, stamping, brokerage and all other charges in connection with the issue of debentures of loans subscribed for by the public at discount; at par, or at a rate of premium insufficient to provide for such charges; (*c*) the cost of printing, stamping, advertising and all other charges arising in connection with the issue of debentures for loans issued either wholly or partly, in favour of the Corporation, as investments of sinking, insurance, worn-out mains renewal, surplus cash or other funds as may from time to time be sanctioned; (*d*) the amount of premium payable on the investment of sinking fund in any year in which such debentures cannot be issued at par, or when such premium cannot be met out of the margin allowed in the sinking fund instalment on account of such charges, including the investment of the said margin with interest accumulations.'

"4. That the following be *recorded*:—Resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 7865, dated 15th November 1893, regarding the details of unappropriated balances of premia received on the raising of loans."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 8149, dated 22nd November 1893, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 600 from surplus cash balance for payment, under the terms of section 118 (*f*) (*ii*) of the Municipal Act, to Mr. Hari Dwarkaji in full satisfaction of all his claims against the Municipality in connection with the demolition of his property situate in Bhoiwada.

"That the Commissioner be asked to place before the Committee a statement of law charges which have been incurred by the Corporation in this case, and to state, also, who the officer is who was responsible for the demolition."

Amendment, proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

No. 9223. "That the payment of Rs. 600 be sanctioned and that the rest of the resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 8149, dated 22nd ultimo, be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration."

The *amendment* was *carried* as a substantive proposition *nem con.*

Proposed by Cowsjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 9224. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 7864, dated 15th November 1893, sanction be given to the amount of security to be furnished by the Muster Clerk employed under the Chief Inspector of Drains, being fixed at Rs. 500."

Carried.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Kharshedjee N. Wadya, Esq.—

No. 9225. "That, with reference to letter from the Commissioner to the Secretary, No. 16212, dated 10th November 1893, advertisements be inserted in the local newspapers inviting applications from candidates for the three vacant appointments as students in the Veterinary College."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 13265 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 2*nd October* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to Corporation Resolution No. 5723 of the 18th ultimo, I have the honor to forward a further letter received from the Chief Engineer, Northern Division, and request orders of the Corporation on the subject.

The facts now stated and which were not previously within my knowledge, nor I presume within that of the Corporation, considerably alter the aspect of affairs. It appears that, in choosing the site near Thana, the convenience of Bombay was among the first things thought of, and as the asylum is likely to be, to a great extent, a Bombay institution, I think an exception might be made in its favour.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 4398 OF 1893.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY, 27*th September* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No. 12795 of 25th September 1893.

2. From the terms of their resolution and from what I have heard from other sources, I am led to believe that the Corporation did not fully understand why they were asked to sanction a supply of water to the Lunatic Asylum at Nowpada.

3. A Committee sat in 1888-89 to consider, among other things, where a large Lunatic Asylum could be built to replace that now in existence at Colaba. The Colaba Asylum, both as regards area of land and state of buildings, has long been condemned as most unfit for its purpose.

4. It was finally decided that Nowpada, near Thana, would be the most suitable site. The then Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum considered that the greater number of patients were derived from Bombay and he, as well as his predecessor, wished the asylum to be as near as possible to Bombay that patients might be conveniently visited by their friends.

5. The asylum will provide accommodation for —

22 Military European insanes;

76 Civil European and Eurasian (34 paying and 42 pauper);

230 Non-criminal Native insanes (58 paying and 172 pauper);

66 Native criminal insanes;

26 Low-caste Hindu paupers;

the total being 420.

6. Special provision has been made for the isolation of female patients, and on their account Messrs. Harkisondas and Bhagwandas Narotamdas subscribed one lakh of rupees.

7. Were it not for the wish to consult the convenience of the inhabitants of Bombay, it is probable that a site would have been sought for above the ghats, and if there is any difficulty about getting water at Nowpada, this may still have to be done.

8. The Pokhram Tank does not give water enough for Thana, and proposals to enlarge it are under consideration; but even then the supply will be too scanty to spare any for Nowpada. Wells, though probably sufficient for cultivation, cannot be trusted to give a proper supply all through the hot weather. If an independent water scheme for Nowpada can be got out at a reasonable rate, it will be done; but it is clear that before finally deciding on the site for a Lunatic Asylum, Government must be certain of its water-supply, and therefore the Corporation of Bombay were asked whether they would be willing to give water from the Tansa Duct which runs about 1½ miles away. The Committee which sat in 1888-89 did not expect to find any difficulty on this score, and now I hope that, having all the facts before them, the Corporation will reconsider their Resolution No. 5723 of the 18th September last.— I have, &c.,

W. OSBORN, Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Engineer, N. D.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner be informed, with reference to his letter No. 13265, dated 2nd October 1893, that the Corporation are unable at present to reconsider the matter as being contrary to their rules of procedure."

No. 9226.

Amendment, proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by C. H. Byrne, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the further correspondence referred to in item No. 24 of the agenda paper be deferred until the January meeting."

On a division, the *amendment* was *lost*. The original motion was *carried*, the votes being 19 *for* and 1 *against*.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That, in reply to his petition, dated 5th September 1893, Mr. Pestanji Edaljee Shroff be informed in terms of the Commissioner's letter, No. 15218 of 26th October 1893, to the Secretary."

Not seconded.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 9227. "That the petitioner be informed that the Corporation cannot interfere in the matter."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 10556 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 2*nd November* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—Referring to your No. 13540 of the 4th instant, forwarding a copy of the Resolution No. 6226 of the Corporation, I have the honour to report as follows :—

12—*Covering Storage Basin at the Bhandarwada Reservoir and constructing filters over it.*

The delay has been caused by the repairs to the distributing basin adjoining, which prevented the storage basin being put out of use having regard to the greater importance of a satisfactory supply being given to the city. The Water Engineer states that the repairs to the distributing basin having been completed, it will be put into use almost immediately, and there will then be nothing to prevent the work of covering the storage basin being undertaken.

22—*Ghatkoper Strainers*; 23—*Flooring Bassein Bridge and Culverts*; *and* 25—*Widening embankments at Bassein Creek.*

The Water Engineer says that he is not prepared to admit that the delay in these cases has been unusual and adds "for, after a "work is sanctioned, it requires some time to prepare detailed draw- "ings and contracts and to put the work in hand, and in these cases "after the date of sanction it was not found practicable to do this, so "that the works might be commenced before the monsoon. The

"revised drawings for the Ghatkopar strainers are almost ready, "and will shortly be submitted to you. The Assistant Engineer is "obtaining detail of the sizes of the plates required for the different "culverts between Tansa and Bombay, and the sections of the em- "bankment at Bassein Creek have been taken and are being plotted. "I think all these works will be completed by the end of the fair "season which is now just commencing."

40—*Closing with cast-iron the perforation in manhole covers.*

The delay in the execution of this work is explained by the Drainage Engineer in the following terms :—

(*a*) The slits were first filled in with molten iron which caused some of the covers to crack, and consequently it was decided after some considerable delay and lengthy correspondence with Messrs. Richardson and Cruddas to use rust cement, and that too was not always done satisfactorily.

(*b*) It was not always convenient to spare men from miscellaneous drainage labour gangs to change the covers and a Sub-Inspector to supervise the work.

(*c*) There were only six spare covers in stock; so we could only spare that number at one time to Messrs. Richardson and Cruddas. As the covers had no numbers or marks on them, it was difficult to tell which manholes they belonged to, and consequently when they were sent back filled in, they had to be taken from manhole to manhole in order to find one to fit.

The work has now been almost completed.

41—*Constructing Pipe Sewers and Metal Ventilating Shafts in Parel Village.*

In regard to this item of work, the Drainage Engineer says that the delay was entirely due to the slow progress of work on the part of the contractors. The contractors have been made to pay the establishment charges incurred after the contract period. This work is now completed with the exception of some extra work of masonry and metal vent shafts, which was subsequently given to the contractors. This extra work is also expected to be shortly completed.

62—*Health Department Stables in F and G Wards.*

In reference to this item of work, I beg to state that the tender of Messrs. Perozshah Dhanjibhoy Patel and Hormasji Jamasji Maistri has been accepted, but the work was delayed as there was a discrepancy between the area of the grounds as obtained by actual measurements and that mentioned in the award made by the Collector. A reference had therefore to be made on the subject to the Collector. The boundaries have now been settled and the work of foundations commenced.

64—*Purchase of land for Chawls for the Bigaries who clean the Arthur Crawford Markets and building the Chawls; and* 70—*Health Department Bigaries' Chawls at Bori Bunder*

In regard to these works, I beg to state that it was originally proposed to construct chawls for the Bigaries of the Health Department on the site of the old buildings on Paltan Road, at a cost of Rs. 66,000, and also to erect chawls for Bigaries of the Arthur Crawford Markets, at a cost of Rs. 6,700, on a site to be purchased at an estimated cost of Rs. 16,000 = Rs. 22,700. The proposal to purchase a site was subsequently abandoned, and it has been arranged to build chawls for the Health Department and the Market Bigaries at a cost of Rs. 70,638 on the ground adjacent to the Health Department chawls at Bori Bunder (*vide* Corporation Resolution No. 12246, dated the 16th February last). The tender of Messrs. Framroz Pestonji & Co. for the building has been accepted, and the work will be proceeded with as soon as the old chawl is vacated and the site cleared. The Health Officer and the Superintendent of the Markets have not yet been able to vacate the old chawls which are occupied by the Bigaries.

69—*Health Department Bullock Stables and Quarters for Sweepers.*

The site selected is a portion of the ground lately purchased from Bai Ruttonbai for the improvement of the Victoria Gardens and the construction of the Connaught and Sussex Roads. The value of the ground and the cost of filling it up is Rs. 44,782-11-4, and the estimate for the construction of the building amounts to Rs. 1,07,322. Thus, the total amount of the estimate, *viz.*, Rs. 1,52,114-11-4, exceeds the grant, *viz.*, Rs. 1,50,000, by Rs. 2,114-11-4. The design is being revised with a view to reduce the estimate, and it will be submitted to the Commissioner as early as possible.

82—*Sankli Tank Fire Brigade Station.*

The filling in of the tank is being proceeded with. The construction work of the building cannot be undertaken until the newly filled in ground is well settled and become sufficiently hard to take the weight of the building without settlement.—I have, &c.,

M. C. MURZBAN, Executive Engineer.

No. 16269 OF 10*th November* 1893.

Copy forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for information with reference to the Resolution of the Corporation No. 6226, dated 28th September last.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq.—

No. 9228. "That memorandum No. 16269, dated 10th November 1893, from the Commissioner, and report by the Executive Engineer forwarded therewith, be *recorded*."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

Half-yearly Return of Expenditure for the Maintenance of Sick in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, ending 31st July 1893.

		February 1893.	March 1893.	April 1893.	May 1893.	June 1893.	July 1893.	TOTAL.
		No. of Patients, 30.	No. of Patients, 54.	No. of Patients, 57.	No. of Patients, 32.	No. of Patients, 19.	No. of Patients, 32.	
		Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Establishment	255 0 0	272 13 8	255 8 0	273 8 0	265 15 11	261 3 4	1,584 0 11
2	Stores	305 4 2	273 5 10	190 3 6	45 4 0	116 13 0	102 11 10	1,033 10 4
3	Water-supply	39 0 0	43 12 0	30 0 0	33 12 0	25 8 0	18 8 0	190 8 0
4	Dieting	79 2 1	154 12 4	136 13 6	88 6 8	39 4 3	64 15 8	563 6 6
5	Medicines	15 4 0	14 3 0	9 13 0	21 6 0	9 2 0	10 0 0	79 12 0
	Total...	693 10 3	758 14 10	622 6 0	462 4 8	456 11 2	457 6 10	3,451 5 9

BOMBAY, 1st *November* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 23627 of 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 10*th November* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 16444 of 13th November 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to the Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Monthly Return of Patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, for the month of October 1893.

No.	Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result. Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	1	2	3	1	...	2	3
2	Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Cholera	...	5	5	2	3	...	5
	Total ...	1	7	8	3	3	2	8

1*st November* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 23156 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 3*rd November* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner for information.

J. LEASK, *for* Health Officer.

No. 16079 OF 6*th November* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to the Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That memoranda Nos. 16079 and 16444, dated 6th and 13th November 1893 respectively, from the Commissioner, and returns forwarded therewith, be *recorded*."

No. 9229.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 16392 OF 11*th November* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for the information of the Corporation. Columns showing the net quarterly increase of General Tax have been added.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Quarterly Statement as per Corporation Resolutions No. 1270 *of* 1887-88 *and No.* 5729, *dated* 18*th September* 1893, *for the quarter ended* 30*th September* 1893.

Ward.	No. of new properties assessed during the quarter with the total amount of assessment fixed for the same.		No. of previously existing properties, the assessments of which have been increased during the quarters and the total amount of the increased assessment.		Total increase in assessment.	No. of previously existing properties, the assessments of which have been reduced during the quarters and the total amount of the reduced assessment.		Net increase in assessment. (Gross.)	Net increase after deducting decrease in amount of Taxes.			Decrease.			Remarks.
1	2		3		4	5		6	7			8			
	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.		No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.		General Tax.	Water Tax.	Halalkhore Tax.	General Tax.	Water Tax.	Halalkhore Tax.	
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
A ..	23	17,440	*17	12,654	30,094	18	5,289	24,805	1,439 15 9	120 15 6	379 8 10	....	....	....	* This includes 5 properties formerly assessed as land now built upon.
B ..	2	480	*9	3,887	4,367	4	589	3,778	218 6 10	110 14 11	83 3 1	....	....	....	* Do. 8 do.
C....	6	2,558	*33	16,057	18,615	32	11,846	6,769	453 15 1	221 4 11	178 11 8	....	....	....	* Do. 13 do.
D ..	10	8,735	*16	10,342	19,077	14	1,621	17,456	997 8 10	380 3 5	381 3 1	....	....	....	* Do. 6 do.
E ..	26	6,247	*14	7,159	13,406	25	3,704	9,702	97 7 11	120 1 1	19 8 11	....	....	....	* Do. 3 do.
F ..	7	493	*18	5,224	5,717	10	4,740	977	....	59 14 7	380 5 1	10 8 4	....	....	* Do. 5 do.
G ..	6	3,159	*12	2,140	5,299	8	427	4,872	254 9 10	85 4 1	81 10 3	....	....	....	* Do. 4 do
Total.	80	39,112	119	57,463	96,575	111	28,216	68,359	3,462 0 3	1,098 10 6	1,504 2 11	10 8 4	....	....	

NOTE.—Although there is an apparent increase in the rateable value in F Ward there is a decrease of Rs. 10-8-4 in the amount for General Tax leviable. This is due to the decreases in valuations owing to Demolitions, &c., taking effect from the *commencement* of the year, while the increase in respect of New Houses, &c., took effect from *different dates in the Quarter. See* attached details. As for the other Wards, the increase in the amount of General Tax leviable is not in proportion to the increase in the rateable value, and this is due partly to the valuations in respect of Religious and Charitable Properties which are exempt from General Tax being included in the statement and partly to the reasons stated in Para. I.

The amount of Water and Halalkhore Taxes has not increased in proportion to the valuation, as in many cases water is charged on meter measurement and Halalkhore Tax at a special monthly rate.

B. P. BRUNTON, Assessor and Collector.

F WARD.

Details showing Increases and Decreases of Assessment and amount of Taxes levied for the Quarter ended 30th September 1893.

A — New Houses.				B — Properties—Increase in Valuation.						C — Properties—Decrease in Valuation.						Remarks.
Serial No. in II-B.	Revised value.	Date of Assessment.	General Tax.	Serial No. in II-B.	Original value.	Revised value.	Date of Revision.	Original amount of General Tax.	Revised amount of General Tax.	Difference.	Serial No. in II-B.	Original valuation.	Revised valuation.	Date of Revision.	Original amount of General Tax.	Revised amount of General Tax.	Difference	
	1	2	3		1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6	
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Proposed by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

"That memorandum No. 16392, dated 11th November 1893, from the Commissioner, and returns forwarded therewith, be *recorded*."

No. 9230.

Carried.

Considered application for an appointment in the Municipal service, made by Sheik Emam Jemadar.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozehah M. Mehta, seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalvad—

"That Shaik Emam Jemadar be informed that the Corporation cannot consider his application."

No. 9231.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter, dated 24th November 1893, from H. H. Aga Jungi Shah and Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart., conveying the thanks of the memorialists for the action taken by the Corporation and Standing Committee by sanctioning the improvement of Matharpakhadi Road, and earnestly hoping that the Corporation will before long see their way to likewise sanction the proposal for widening the road from C on the plan to Rose Cottage Lane."

No. 9232.

Carried.

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik was allowed to *withdraw* the following motion of which he had given notice :—

"1. That the following Committee be appointed to report on the financial condition of the Municipality, year by year, for the last ten years, ending with the last year for which completed accounts are available :—The President, Mr. G. Cotton, Mr. Dinsha Edulji Wacha, Mr. W. C. Hughes, Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, and Mr. Nowroji J. Gamadia.

"2. That the Committee be empowered to call for all papers and correspondence connected with the inquiry which they may consider necessary."

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq.—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to furnish a return, covering the last five years, of all Municipal employés above the age of 55,

No. 9234.

pointing out such of them as have retired, or been asked to retire, and the reasons thereof, with the amounts of pension given to them."

The motion was seconded by Dominick A. D'Monte, Esq., and *carried.*

At this stage the President vacated the chair and left the meeting, when, on the motion of Nanu N. Kothare, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta was voted to the chair.

Considered the following :—

BOMBAY, *2nd December* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—On behalf of the Blaney Memorial Fund Committee, we have the honour to request that the Corporation will be pleased to accord their sanction to the erection of a marble statue of Dr. Blaney on the site shown on the accompanying tracing, and forming part of the enclosure of the new Municipal Hall.

It is expected that the statue will be received from Italy in January next, and the desire of the Committee is that the Corporation should accept charge of the same, in consideration of which the Committee are prepared to hand over Rs. 2,000 for the perpetual maintenance of the statue.

The position of the statue is shown in the sketch, but the Committee would leave it to the Municipal Commissioner to decide whether any alteration should be made in the footpath so as to give a larger area around the statue.—We have, &c.,

COWASJEE HORMUSJEE.
TRIBHOWANDAS VURJEEWANDAS.
BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA.
B. S. SHROFF.

In accordance with the notice of motion, it was

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That the Corporation accord their sanction to the erection of marble statue of Dr. Thomas Blaney on the site shown on tracing now laid on the table, and forming part of the enclosure of the new Municipal Hall, it being left to the Commissioner to decide whether any alteration should be made to the public footpath in order to give a larger area round the statue.

"That the Corporation accept the Rs. 2,000 offered by the Honorary Secretaries of the Blaney Memorial Fund for the purpose of providing for the perpetual maintenance of the statue."

The motion was seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik.

Amendment, proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by C. H. Byrne, Esq.—

"That the consideration of letter from Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee and others, asking the Corporation's sanction to the erection of marble statue of Dr. Blaney on site forming part of the enclosure of the new Municipal Office, be postponed until after the arrival of the statue, and that the following Committee be appointed to report on the question :—Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha, the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, Mr. Rebsch, Mr. Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Banks, and Mr. Roughton."*

No. 9235.

The *amendment* was *carried* as a substantive proposition by 22 votes *against* 2 votes.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, *4th January* 1894.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation held this day, there were present :

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ABDALLA M. DHARMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHAISHANKAR NANABHAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; FAZULBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. FAZULBHOY VISRAM; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq. L.M. & S.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, Esq., M D., C.M.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NAVROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA, C.I.E.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A M I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.; CAPTAIN W.P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the CHIEF ACCOUNTANT; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th ultimo were signed.

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* The name of Mr. Roughton was added on the proposal of Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar.

Considered the following :—

(*Draft Address.*)

To

THE RIGHT HON'BLE
VICTOR-ALEXANDER BRUCE,
Earl of Elgin and Kinkardine,
Lord Bruce of Kinloss and Lord Bruce of Torry,
and Baron Elgin, P.C., LL.D.,
Viceroy and Governor designate of India.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,

We, the President and Members of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, beg to offer your Lordship, on behalf of the people of Bombay, a cordial welcome to the country whose Government has been entrusted to your keeping by our revered and beloved Sovereign, the Queen-Empress.

2. Fully recognizing the important and onerous duties of the position which your Lordship is called to fill at the head of the Government of this Empire, and the very grave and varied public responsibilities which are involved in carrying on the administration in this period of its history, we are confident that in your Lordship, India will find a ruler who will pursue a policy in close sympathy with that of the much-loved Viceroy whose name your Lordship bears and whose memory you recall.

3. Your Lordship arrives in India in a time of both internal and external peace. The people of Bombay are thankful for this peace, and we may be permitted to hope that it will continue unshaken during your Lordship's administration. Numerous questions of internal polity are pressing on the attention of Government and people alike at the present time, such as the state of the currency, the commercial and financial condition of the country, the extension of railways, and the progress of education in all directions, and claim careful and early consideration.

4. The people of this country are now bound together by the ties of a common loyalty to the Queen-Empress, whom they have learnt to regard with feelings of deep affection and reverence.

5. We have reason to believe that your Lordship will be received all over India and by all classes of the people with a foregone prepossession in your Lordship's favour arising from the faith which is placed in the name you bear and from the experience of the policy followed by your distinguished father, and they gladly anticipate that your Lordship's rule will tend to confirm those sentiments by an impartial, righteous and sympathetic treatment of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

6. In conclusion, we trust that both your Lordship and Lady Elgin may enjoy a continuance of health during the period of your Viceroyalty and for many years after.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Nanu Narayen Kothare, Esq.—

No. 9882. "That the draft address to the Right Hon'ble the Earl of Elgin and Kinkardine, Viceroy and Governor General of India designate, now read, be approved and adopted.

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 9311, dated 13th December 1893, sanction be given to the payment, from surplus cash balance, of Rs. 1,500 to meet the cost of illuminating and enclosing the address; as also the address to Dadabhai Navroji, Esq., M.P."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao Narayen Vasudeo, Esq.—

No. 9883. "That the following be *recorded*:—Memorandum No. 18744, dated 12th December 1893, from the Commissioner, notifying the election of Mr. R. H. Vincent as a member of the Corporation in place of Mr. Selim Solomon, resigned; letter, dated 14th Decem- 1893, from Mr. Pranjiwandass Culliandass resigning his seat as a Councillor from the 15th idem."

Carried.

Proposed by Ardaseer Dadabhai Modi, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

No. 9884. "That, in accordance with the provisions of section 17 (*b*) of the Municipal Act, the Corporation accept the reason stated by Mr. Jamsetjee Cursetjee Cama in his letter, dated 13th December 1893, for his temporary absence from meetings of the Corporation for a period of 3 months from 13th December 1893, namely, severe indisposition."

Carried.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Bhaishankar Nanabhai, Esq.—

No. 9885. "That Mr. Abdalla M. Dharamsi be re-appointed a member of the Joint Schools Committee and that letter from the Secretary to the Committee to the Municipal Secretary, No. 930, dated 16th December 1893, be *recorded*."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 9886. "That the consideration of the Budget Estimates for 1894-95 be proceeded with."

Carried.

INCOME.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 9887. "That the Corporation hereby determine, subject to the limitations and conditions prescribed in Chapter VIII of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888, that the general tax leviable on buildings and lands, under section 140 of the said Act, shall be levied for the year 1994-95 at the rate of 8 per centum of the rateable value of such buildings and lands respectively, and that the tax leviable, under the aforesaid section, for the entertainment of the Fire Brigade and the protection of life and property in the case of fire shall be levied for the said year at the rate of ½ per centum of the rateable value of such buildings and lands respectively.

"That the Budget Estimate of the General Tax at 8 per centum, including contribution of Rs. 96,767 from Government and Rs. 1,53,904 from the Port Trust for the year, be adopted at Rs. 17,18,588.

"That the Budget Estimate of the additional tax, under section 140 (*c*) of the Act, be adopted at Rs. 1,07,412, including Rs. 9,619 from the Port Trust and Rs. 6,048 from Government."

Amendment moved by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ardaseer D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the expenditure side of the Budget Estimates be proceeded with first."

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, the amendment was, after discussion, *withdrawn.*

The original motion was *carried.*

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

No. 9888. "That the Corporation hereby determine, subject to the limitations and conditions prescribed in Chapter VIII of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888, that the tax leviable on vehicles and

animals, under section 180 of the said Act, shall be levied for the year 1894-95 at the maximum rates allowed by the Act, namely :—

Description of Vehicles or Animals.	Maximum amount of tax per quarter.
	Rs. a. p.
Each four-wheeled vehicle drawn or impelled by horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, bullocks, or machinery	5 0 0
Each two-wheeled vehicle drawn or impelled by horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, bullocks, or machinery	3 0 0
Each vehicle drawn or impelled, otherwise than by horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, bullocks, or machinery	2 0 0
Each horse, pony or mule of a height of 12 hands or upwards	6 0 0
Each horse, pony or mule of a height of less than 12 hands..	2 0 0
Each bullock or buffalo kept for draft or pack purposes ...	1 0 0
Each donkey kept for draft or pack purposes or for riding...	1 0 0

"And that the toll leviable on vehicles entering the city of Bombay from Salsette shall be levied during the said year, under the terms of section 190 of the said Act, at the rate of 2 annas for each vehicle on every occasion that any vehicle liable thereto enters the city from Salsette.

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 3,45,850, in respect of the aggregate receipts for the year from the tax and toll aforesaid, be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

"That the Corporation hereby determine, subject to the limitations and conditions prescribed in Chapter VIII of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888, that the Town Duties leviable on articles, under section 192 of the said Act, shall be levied for the year 1894-95 as under :—

	Rs. a. p.
Grain of all sorts, per candy	0 2 0
Flour of all sorts, 75 per cent. of the rate at the time being levied on the grain from which the flour is prepared.	
Wines and spirits, per imperial gallon	0 4 0
Beer, per imperial gallon	0 0 6
Sugar, Molasses and Goor, per cwt.	0 8 0
Ghee, per Bombay maund	0 8 0
Timber, excluding Railway Sleepers, 2½ per cent. on Market value.	
Firewood, per candy	0 1 0

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 7,74,000, in respect of receipts from Town Duties for the year, be adopted."

Amendment, moved by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham, seconded by G. Lund, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the item of Town Duties on the income side of the Budget be postponed."

At this stage it was proposed by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut-Col. G. A. Maconachie, seconded by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut-Col. S. O' B. Banks—

"That the meeting do now adjourn."

Amendment proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That the meeting do adjourn until 3 P.M. to-morrow (Friday)."

The amendment was *carried*, the votes being 33 *for* and 12 *against*.

BOMBAY, *5th January* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for 4th instant, and adjourned from that day) held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHAISHANKER NANABHAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L.M. & S.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; NANABHOY NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.,; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VUNDRAWANDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the CHIEF ACCOUNTANT; and the SECRETARY.

The signing of the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th instant was postponed.

The consideration of the following motion, proposed on the 4th instant, was resumed :—

"Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

"'That the Corporation hereby determine, subject to the limitations and conditions prescribed in chapter VIII of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888, that the Town Duties leviable on articles, under

No. 9890.

section 192 of the said Act, shall be levied for the year 1894-95 as under :—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Grain of all sorts, per candy	0	2	0
Flour of all sorts, 75 per cent. of the rate at the time being levied on the grain from which the flour is prepared.			
Wines and Spirits, per imperial gallon	0	4	0
Beer, per imperial gallon	0	0	6
Sugar, Molasses and Goor, per cwt.	0	8	0
Ghee, per Bombay maund	0	8	0
Timber, excluding Railway Sleepers	2½ per cent. on market value.		
Firewood, per candy	0	1	0

"'That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 7,74,000 in respect of receipts from Town Duties for the year be adopted.'"

Amendment, moved by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham, seconded by G. Lund, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the item of Town Duties of the income side of the Budget be postponed."

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 9 *for* and 15 *against* it.

Mr. K. M. Shroff objected the Commissioner's using the word "dodge" in reference to the motion for adjourning on the 4th instant, and asked that the Commissioner should be requested to withdraw the word.

The President said that the Commissioner had already withdrawn the expression.

The original motion was carried by 28 votes *against* 6 votes.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 80,900 in respect of revenue from the issue of Licenses for the year 1894-95, as detailed below, be adopted:—

No. 9891.

	Rs.
Dangerous and offensive trades	50,000
Streets and buildings*	2,900
Land, conveyance, music, &c.† (issued by the Commissioner of Police)	28,000
Total Rs ..	80,900"

Carried.

* For Surveyors' and Plumbers' Licenses.—

† Land Conveyance Licenses 14,180
Music Licenses 11,000
Sundry do. 2,820

Total Rs... 28,000

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate for the year 1894-95 of Rs. 1,43,750 (amount provided in section 69 of the Abkari Act V of 1878) in respect of revenue in lieu of the money formerly received for Liquor Licenses Fees, &c., be adopted."

No. 9892.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao Narayen Vasudev, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 1,87,000 in respect of net revenue from Tobacco Duty and Licenses for the year 1894-95, levied under Act (Government of India) IV of 1857, be adopted."

No. 9893.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the Corporation hereby determine that, subject to the limitations and conditions prescribed in chapter VIII of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888, the Halalkhor Tax, leviable on buildings and lands under section 140 of the said Act, shall be levied for the year 1894-95 at the rate of 3 per centum on the rateable value of such buildings and lands respectively.

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 6,00,000 in respect of receipts for the year from this tax be adopted."

At this stage, Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Banks invited the attention of the President to the fact that there was not a quorum of members remaining. The Secretary having counted the Councillors present, reported to the President that there was not a quorum. The President then adjourned the meeting to Monday, the 8th instant, at 3 P.M.

BOMBAY, *8th January* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 4th instant, and adjourned from the 5th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHAISHANKER NANABHAI, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJI SERVAI, Esq.; C.H. BYRNE, Esq.; E.B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.;

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The signing of the minutes of the meeting held on 5th instant, was postponed.

Considered again the following :—

"Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the Corporation hereby determine that, subject to the limitations and conditions prescribed in Chapter VIII of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888, the Halalkhor Tax leviable on buildings and lands under section 140 of the said Act shall be levied for the year 1894-95 at the rate of 3 per centum of the rateable value of such buildings and lands respectively.

No. 10007.

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 6,00,000 in respect of receipts for the year from this tax be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"That the Corporation hereby determine that, subject to the limitations and conditions prescribed in Chapter VIII of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888, the Water Tax leviable on buildings and lands under section 140 of the said Act shall be levied for the year 1894-95 at the rate of 4 per centum of the rateable value of such buildings and lands respectively.

No. 10008.

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 13,00,000 in respect of the revenue for the year from Water, including the charges for water supplied for Municipal purposes be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Sing—

No. 10009. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 3,65,600 in respect of revenue for the year 1894-95 from Market Receipts be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 10010. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 7,000 in respect of revenue from Public Gardens for the year 1894-95 be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

No. 10011. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 38,000 in respect of revenue from Tramway rent for the year 1894-95 be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 10012. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 8,000 in respect of revenue for the year 1894-95 from Miscellaneous Fines be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao Narayan Vasudev, Esq.—

No. 10013. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 1,25,000 in respect of revenue from Miscellaneous Receipts for the year 1894-95, as detailed below, be adopted. :—

	Rs.
Rent of Dhobiwada and Shops	17,000
,, of Chawls	15,000
,, of Milch Cattle Stables	16,263
Receipts from Lands, Tanks, &c....	30,000
Rent of Police and Fire Brigade quarters	19,492
Sundry receipts	27,245
Rs.	1,25,000 "

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Shivaji Dharmaji, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 50,000 in respect of revenue from Miscellaneous Fees for the year 1894-95, as detailed below, be adopted :—

No. 10014.

Health Department Fees based on past three years' actuals.

Removing and skinning dead animals	Rs.	15,000
Grave digging	„	3,500
Sundry Fees	„	500
	Rs.	19,000

Engineer's Department.

Building Fees (galleries, rewas, scaffolding and weather frames)	Rs. 17,100	
Opening roads and footpaths for cleaning drains and laying water pipes...	„ 4,000	
Occupying public roads	„ 3,000	
Sundry Fees	„ 200	
		24,300

Assessment and Collection Department.

Notice, Warrant, Battakie, and Sundry Fees	Rs.	6,700
	Rs,	50,000 "

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Framji D. Divecha, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 3,000 in respect of revenue from Miscellaneous Savings for the year 1894-95 be adopted."

No. 10015.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 15,800 in respect of revenue from contributions from Municipal servants towards the Municipal Retiring or Pension Fund for the year 1894-95 be adopted."

No. 10016.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chabildas, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 2,04,600 in respect of receipts from interest for the year 1894-95 be adopted as follows :—

No. 10017.

	Rs.
Interest and profit on Investments of Surplus Loan and other balances	1,50,000
Interest on Sinking and Insurance, &c., Funds Investment	54,600
Rs. ...	2,04,600 "

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 10018. "That the Budget Estimate in respect of ordinary revenue for the year 1894-95 be adopted at Rs. 60,74,500, and including cash balance of Rs. 19,50,000 at Rs. 80,24,500."

Carried.

EXPENDITURE.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

No. 10019. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 56,848 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the Corporation and Standing Committee's establishment (as per detailed Statement No. 1) be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 10020. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 60,780 in respect of expenditure for the Municipal Commissioner's personal office establishment (as per detailed Statement No. 2 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 29,116 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the General Office Establishment (as per detailed Statement No. 3 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted."

The mover wished to add that the consideration of this item be adjourned with a view to his giving notice of motion, under the terms of section 36 of the Act, to the effect that provision be made for the continuance of the employment of the three Janitors whose services are considered by the executive to be essential for the security of the property within the Municipal hall.

The President ruled the mover was out of order, and after discussion it was agreed that, as the proposition had not been seconded, it should fall through.

It was then proposed by the mover that the consideration of this item be postponed.

The proposal was *lost*, the votes being 13 *against* 11.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao N. Vasudeo, Esq —

No. 10021. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 29,116 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the General Office Establishment (as per detailed Statement No. 3 and Schedule attached thereto)be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 10022. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 57,448 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the Accounts and Expenditure Audit Establishment (as per detailed Statement No. 4 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 10023. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 2,55,322, in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the Assessment and Collection Department (as per detailed Statement No. 5 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted as follows :—

Property and Wheel Tax Establishment...	Rs.	1,44,498
Port Trust and Railway Companies (Town Duty Dept.)	„	57,720
Tolls Collection	„	1,680
Licensing Establishment	„	27,256
Revenue and Refund Audit Office Establishment ...	„	24,168
	Rs.	2,55,322 "

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 10024. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 1,15,435 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the Fire Brigade (as per detailed Statement No. 6 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

No. 10025. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 57,994 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the maintenance of Public Gardens (as per detailed Statement No.7 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 10026. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 40,326 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the Public Works (Engineer's) Department, including general supervision and miscellaneous duties (as per detailed Statement No. 8 and Schedule attached thereto), be adopted as follows :—

	Rs.
Superior Staff	21,000
Office Establishment	9,144
Surveyors and Draftsmen	8,640
Drawing Materials, &c.	1,542
Rs....	40,326 "

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

No. 10027. "That the item of Rs. 1,04,500 on account of Workshops Charges (as detailed at pages 31 and 33 of the Budget) be adopted ; such amount to be recovered from the various departments for which work is done, as also from private parties."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 10028. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 2,03,147 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the Public Works Department for drainage (as per detailed Statement No. 8 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted as under :—

		Rs.
A.	Miscellaneous Drainage	1,20,944
B.	Maintenance of Love Grove Pumping Station ...	77,870
C.	Maintenance of Sluices	4,333
	Rs. ...	2,03,147 "

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Narrotumdas, Esq.—

No. 10029. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 2,28,968 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the Public Works Department for water works

(as per detailed Statement No. 8 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted as follows :—

	Rs.
Establishment and labour	1,53,552
Materials	40,000
Contingencies, &c.	9,800
Renewal of existing mains worn out	25,000
	Rs. 2,28,352
Maintenance of Pawai Works	616
	Rs. 2,28,968 "

Carried.

The meeting then adjourned, and the President fixed Monday, 15th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, *11th January* 1894.

AT a meeting of urgency convened by the President for the purpose of presenting an Address of Welcome to Dadabhai Navroji, Esq., M.P., held this day by the permission of Government in the Town Hall, there were present—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHAISHANKAR NANABHAI, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALANA, Esq.; GOVERDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULLA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq; PURSHOTAMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHAI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGALDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWANDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

The HEALTH OFFICER, the EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, the ASSESSOR and COLLECTOR, the CHIEF ACCOUNTANT, the WATER ENGINEER, the DRAINAGE ENGINEER, the SUPERINTENDENT OF MARKETS, the CHIEF OFFICER, FIRE BRIGADE, and the SECRETARY.

The meeting was also largely attended by the public, to whom the President had issued between 800 and 900 cards of invitation.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Mr. Badrudin Abdulla Kur on account of sickness and from Mr. Rahimtula Khairaz on account of an urgent previous engagement.

The President read the following address, which was illuminated on vellum and will hereafter be enclosed in a silver casket :—

ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO DADABHAI NAVROJI, ESQ., M.P., FROM THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BOMBAY.

To DADABHOY NAVROJI, ESQ., M.P.

SIR,—We, the President and Members of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, avail ourselves of the opportunity of offering you a hearty welcome on the occasion of your present visit to this the country of your birth, and to the city in which you have spent the earlier years of your life, and in which you have done good service in every line of public activity.

We congratulate you on securing a seat in the British House of Commons. You are the first native of India who has succeeded in entering that great and ancient Assembly, and this Corporation cordially rejoices with you in having achieved a distinction which brings honour, not only on yourself, but on this your native city.

We wish you a continuance of health and strength, and trust that in the future your Parliamentary career will continue to justify the confidence which the people of India of all classes have always placed in you.

If you have reason to be proud of the distinction which the Electors of Central Finsbury have placed upon you, your fellow-citizens in Bombay share in that pride, believing, as they do, that the confidence reposed in you as a representative man in Parliament will be fully justified by your future career.

THOMAS BLANEY,
President.
H. W. BARROW,
Municipal Secretary.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
BOMBAY, 11*th January* 1894.

The Seal of the Corporation affixed in the presence of
JAVERILAL U. YAJNIK,
A. G. VIEGAS,
Two Members of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation.

Mr. Dadabhai Navroji replied.*

Mr. Dadabhai Navroji, who was warmly received on rising to reply to the address, said : Dr. Blaney, members of the Corporation, ladies and gentlemen,—I need not say how deeply I feel the great

* This reply is the report of the speech published in the *Bombay Gazette* of 12th January 1894.

honour that the Corporation of this great city is doing me to-day. I seem to be especially fortunate with this Corporation, as on a former occasion a unique compliment was paid to me by the Corporation on my retirement from it. It was not the custom of the Corporation to pass any vote of thanks to any retiring member, but in my case a special exception was made. When the question was discussed in the Corporation, it was thought that, as there was no precedent for the course, it should not be taken as setting a precedent in the future. Whether any such compliment has been paid to any member who has since retired I do not know; but on that occasion it was considered to be a unique compliment from this Corporation to one of its members. (Cheers.) I thought then I had received, perhaps, the highest honour that the Corporation was able to confer on any member or on any citizen. But to my surprise and gratification I find that a far higher honour is now done to me by such a representative body as the Corporation of this great city. (Cheers and interruption caused by the hall being opened to the general public.) In giving me this hearty welcome you referred to some of my activity of earlier days. As the first fruits of the higher education which the British rulers imparted to this country, you will remember that a batch of youthful enthusiasts rushed forward with the impulse of the thought that as they were educated at the expense of the people, and as they were fortunate enough to receive the first light of Western civilization, it was their bounden duty to communicate, to hold forth that light, to their fellow-countrymen. Under that impulse they rushed forward and established all sorts of societies and institutions, without fearing in the least, opposition or obstruction, and carrying everything by storm. Well there are still some survivors of that youthful band, and they may well congratulate themselves that the institutions which they established in earlier days, such as the Students' Literary and Scientific Society, the *Dnyan Prasarak* Society, the *Rehnumai Mazdiasni* Society, the Native General Library, and the Bombay Association—which is still more powerful in its newly-constituted condition. These societies established nearly half a century ago are still existent and doing useful work. I may well congratulate myself and those of my colleagues who are now surviving that their work has endured so long, and that it has been remembered even at the present day by the most representative body of this city. (Cheers.) It is a source of great happiness to all of us to find that in this manner the efforts of our earlier days are not forgotten. You may well congratulate yourselves and congratulate me, and I may say rejoice, in the admission of an Indian to the House of Commons. We have full rights, we have full reason to rejoice at this admission. To the Englishman, representative institutions may be a matter of course; to them it is like the atmosphere they breathe, but to us it is a new life, a new throb, a new existence, a new departure in our national history, in our national condition, in our national existence. (Cheers.) We may therefore well rejoice—and I join in the rejoicing, though I am the instrument of this happy condition—I rejoice with every one of you and with

all India. (Cheers.) But what encourages me still more, and strengthens me so much is the fact that in all the addresses I have received and in all the speeches I have heard, it is shown that the people of India have confidence in my representation—(cheers)—and that confidence I now find endorsed by my native city through a representative assembly consisting of all classes and creeds to be found in this, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world. (Cheers.) I may say, therefore, that I feel exceedingly delighted and thankful that this strength and encouragement has been given to me all over India in every address that has been presented to me. (Cheers.) A hope is expressed in your address that my future career may prove successful and good. Well, and no one can say what his future career may possibly be, but this much I may tell you, and you will be pleased to hear, that during the past year my constituents have expressed their satisfaction at the manner in which I have peformed my duty towards them in the House of Commons. (Cheers.) These are the generous words in which they expressed their satisfaction :—"The General Council of the United Liberal and Radical Association desire to record their high appreciation of the admirable and most exemplary manner in which Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji, M.P., has performed his duties as the representative of his constituency in the House of Commons." (Cheers.) I only pray and hope that I may have the good fortune to enjoy this confidence hereafter, as you hope and pray for. (Cheers.) This is not the occasion for me to dilate upon municipal institutions, because it would be like taking coals to Newcastle, to address any words of the kind to a Municipal Corporation which has distinctly and emphatically proved its success in every possible way as a self-governing body. (Cheers.) I had some part in its working, and I am proud of it. I say it has most successfully proved that Municipal institutions can very well flourish in this country, if they are allowed full independence and full action in all that they think to be necessary for the good and welfare of the inhabitants of the city placed under their care. I rejoice, Sir, that that success has been continued and increased, and I hope that the example of this Corporation and every other successful Corporation will prove distinctly to our British rulers, that there is life, that there is capacity, for self-governing bodies in India. (Cheers.) I rejoice for the successful proof the Bombay Municipal Corporation supplies, and I hope that it will be the means of extending that self-government and those representative institutions to which we aspire as deserved by such earnest and practical efforts as this Corporation has done. (Cheers.) I thank you again most sincerely for this very hearty welcome you have given to me, of which I am proud and which I shall remember through life with the greatest happiness and pleasure. (Loud Applause.)

The President having declared the business of the meeting over, Mr. D. E. Wacha called for cheers for Mr. Dadabhai Navroji and for the President, and the audience having taken up the suggestion with great cordiality, the proceedings terminated.

BOMBAY, 15*th January* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 4th instant, and adjourned from the 8th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq; G. LUND, Esq.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq, L. M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAVANDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the CHIEF ACCOUNTANT; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 4th, 5th and 8th instant were signed. The signing of the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th idem was postponed.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That, under the heads of "Streets and Buildings" the vote be taken separately on each section, but on a division it was agreed by 9 votes *against* 1 vote that the vote be taken under one head and discussed generally."

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimates in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the Public Works Department, Streets and Buildings (as per detailed Statement No. 8 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted as follows :—

No. 10531.

		Rs.
A. Inspection and Supervision		86,677
B. Public Lighting Branch—		
Gas ... ... Rs.	2,86,894	
Kerosine oil ... ... „	35,840	
		3,22,734
C. Road watering		82,400
D. Road repairs and maintenance		3,50,910
E. Street improvements		1,02,500
		9,45,221
Special provision for cleaning, lighting and repairing Port Trust Wharves		38,842
		9,84,063 "

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

No. 10532. "That the Budget Estimates in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for the Public Health Department (as per detailed Statement No. 9 and Schedule attached thereto) be adopted as under :—

		Rs.
General Supervision and Conservancy		11,13,166
Markets and Slaughter Houses		1,33,949
Registration of Births and Deaths		21,522
Cemeteries		8,278
Laboratory		600
Mahalaxmi Dhobiwada		33,386
Infectious Diseases		4,494
Milch Cattle Stables and Rooms		11,562
Tank Conservancy		6,144
Rastamji Jamsetji Dharamsala...		774
	Rs.	13,33,875
Less—		
Anticipated savings under different main heads...Rs.		20,000
	Rs.	13,13,875
Vaccination contribution to Government		17,284
	Total Rs.	13,31,159 " .

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"That the grant for the Health Department, section VIII, infectious diseases 'special measures in the event of an outbreak of epidemic diseases,' be increased to Rs. 5,606."

The amendment was seconded by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Banks.

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 7 *for* and 26 *against*.

The original motion was *carried by* 29 votes *against* 2 votes.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 10533. " That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 20,71,951 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95, for the several public loans, sinking funds and interest (as per detailed Statement No. 10) be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 10534. " That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 37,326 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for pensions, gratuities and compassionate allowances be adopted."

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"That the grant for pensions and gratuities (detailed Statement No. 11) be increased to Rs. 45,000."

This amendment was seconded by Mirza Hoosein Khan, Esq.

Mr. Roughton objected to the words "detailed Statement No. 11 be increased to Rs. 45,000" in Mr. Carroll's amendment as being out of order, as the amount in the detailed statement referred to was Rs. 37,326 for certain detailed persons and not for pensions of persons who might be added to the list hereafter.

The President said the amendment should be so worded as to increase the provision for pensions from Rs. 37,326 to Rs. 45,000.

After discussion the words "detailed Statement No. 11" were deleted, and the words "for the year 1894-95" were inserted in the amendment.

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 10 *for* and 18 *against*.

The original motion was *carried*, the votes being 25 *for* and 4 *against*.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 10535. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 4,00,000 in respect of the Municipal contribution payable towards the cost of the Police for the year 1894-95 be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 10536. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 89,435 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 towards the cost of education (as per summary of expenditure) be adopted, as under :—

Primary Education	Rs.	59,135
School for Deaf Mutes...	„	1,800
	Rs.	60,935
Veterinary College	„	2,500
Victoria and Albert Museum	„	11,200
Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute	„	10,000
Joint Schools Committee's Establishment	„	4,800
Total ...Rs.		89,435"

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 10537. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 57,000 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for Hospitals (as per summary of expenditure) be adopted as under :—

Gokuldas Tejpal Hospital	Rs.	36,000
Jaffer Sulleman Dispensary for women and children	„	3,000
Leper Asylum (half cost of) maintenance ...	„	18,000
	Rs.	57,000"

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 10538. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 7,000 in respect of expenditure for the year 1894-95 for discretional contingences (as per summary of expenditure) be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

No. 10539. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 10,000 in respect of expenditure for 1894-95 for Auditors' allowance (as per summary of expenditure) be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 10540. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 10,000 in respect of expenditure for election expenses for the year 1894-95 be adopted."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 10541. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 3,000 in respect of the Municipal buildings fire insurance fund for 1894-95 (as per summary of expenditure) be adopted."

Carried.

New Works.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Tribhowandas Vurjeewandas, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 26,099 in respect of expenditure on the following items of new works, drainage, 1894-95 (as per detailed Statement No. 12) be adopted :—. No. 10542.

	Rs.
Improving and enlarging the existing storm-water drains in Chamar Lane	7,813
Paving the flooring of the old boiler-house at Love Grove	1,245
Removal of A, B & C Wards Drainage Chowki from Charni Road to Mint Road	1,507
Miscellaneous drainage works	5,000
Storm-water drain in Kala Chowki Road ...	10,534
Total Rs.	26,099"

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"That the following items be added to the list of extra-ordinary special works (detailed Statement No. 12) :—(1) altering and ovoiding side-drain in Ghorapdeo Road, Rs. 4,080 ; (2) storm-water drain in 16th Gunpowder Street, Rs. 539 ; (3) making watertight the condensing tank at Love Grove, Rs. 16,416 ; (7) storm-water drain in 3rd Bhoiwada Street, Rs. 5,108 ; (8) Ditto in Parsi Bazar Street, Rs. 18,481 ; (9) ditto in Cavel, Rs. 3,600 : total Rs. 48,224."

This amendment was seconded by Captain Walshe.

At a quarter past 5 o'clock, it was proposed by Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq., and seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham—

"That the meeting do now adjourn, which proposal was *lost*, the votes being 9 *for* and 17 *against*."

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 11 *for* and 15 *against*.

The original motion was *carried* by 18 votes *against* 1 vote.

The meeting then adjourned, and the President fixed Thursday, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 18*th January* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 4th instant, and adjourned from the 15th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B, ; ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq. ; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S. ; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I. ; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M. ; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E. ; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq. ; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C. ; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C ; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S. ; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM ; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S. ; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq., ; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq. ; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S. ; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq. ; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq. ; HASAMBAI VISRAM, Esq. ; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq. ; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq. ; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq. ; SIR JAMSETJEE JEEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I. ; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq. ; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq. ; K.M. SHROFF, Esq. ; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq. ; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH ; G. LUND, Esq. ; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M. ; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq. ; B.A., LL.B. ; MIRZA HUSSEN KHAN, Esq. ; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L M. & S. ; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq. ; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A. ; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHA M. MEHTA, C.I.E. ; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq. ; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq. ; S. REBSCH, Esq., M.I.C.E. ; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq. ; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq. ; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq. ; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S. ; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E. ; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner ; the CHIEF ACCOUNTANT ; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 11th and 15th instant were signed.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao Narayan Vasudev, Esq.—

No. 10771. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 5,000 in respect of expenditure on the following item of new works, streets and buildings (as per detailed Statement No. 12), be adopted :—Making of streets which have become public under the Municipal Act."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 10772. "That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 49,755 in respect of expenditure on the following items of new works, sanitary and other miscel-

laneous works (as per detailed Statement No. 12), be adopted :—

Masonry tank with stone coping, pavement, drains, &c., at Bandora Slaughter Houses	Rs.	657
New masonry water drinking trough at Bori Bunder Stables	„	536
Laying tarred metal outside washing stones at the Dhobiwada	„	2,813
New iron drinking troughs at the Kamathipura and Agripada Milch Cattle Stables	„	550
Paving the compound of the Bori Bunder Stables with set stones from the public street to the water tank ...	„	13,500
Reconstruction of latrines in Dhunjee Street	„	1,192
Erection of a new office and chawl at Haines Road Cemetery	„	13,433
Construction of a hopper at Sonapur Night-soil Depôt...	„	2,118
Latrines and urinals	„	12,000
Water-closet accommodation at C and E Wards, Health Department	„	1,400
Constructing a hopper at Parel village	„	1,556"

In accordance with notice, it was—

Proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"That the following be added to the list of Special Extraordinary Works (detailed Statement No. 12) :— (4) New offices at Null Bazaar for Engineering Department, Streets and Buildings, B and C Wards, Rs. 13,000 ; (5) reconstruction of latrines at Kharsetji Suklaji Street and Arthur Crawford Markets, Rs. 2,439 ; (6) new machinery at the Municipal Workshops, Rs. 9,550 ; (10) stove and tanks for dipping water pipes, Rs. 5,800 ; (11) raising sluice house at Matunga, Rs. 2,000 ; (12) fencing metal depôts at Wodehouse, Foras and Haines Roads, and fencing ground south of Great Eastern Mill, Rs. 4,040 ; (13) construction of two sheds at Bandora Slaughter Houses, Rs. 6,084 ; (14) row of shops at Erskine Road Markets, Rs. 9,766."

The amendment was seconded by Framji D. Divecha, Esq.

The Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham suggested that the President be asked to put the various items included in the amendment to the vote *seriatim*, and this suggestion was agreed to.

The Commissioner asked that the two following items included in the amendment might be sanctioned as they were urgent works, *viz.* :—(4) new offices at Null Bazaar for Engineering Department, Streets and Buildings, B and C Wards, Rs. 13,000 ; (5) reconstruction of latrines at Kharsetji Suklaji Street and Arthur Crawford Markets, Rs. 2,439.

This application was agreed to by the Corporation, and the two amounts in question were sanctioned. Thereupon the other items included in the amendment were, with the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, withdrawn.

The original motion was *carried.*

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the Budget Estimate of Rs. 54,600, as per summary of expenditure in respect of the investment of the estimated interest realization of the respective funds noted in the margin for the year 1894-95 be adopted."

No. 10773.

Sinking Fund	Rs.	43,800
Municipal Building Fire Insurance funds.	„	790
Worn-out Mains Renewal Fund... ...	„	10,010
	Rs.	54,600

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Framji D. Divecha, Esq.—

"That the estimate of income for the year 1894-95 from Loan Funds (as per detailed Statement No. 13), including the anticipated balance on 1st April 1894 of Rs. 2,22,903-12-8, be adopted at Rs. 16,22,903-12-8, and that the expenditure against the same be sanctioned at Rs. 14,61,790, leaving a credit balance on 31st March 1895 of Rs. 1,61,113-12-8."

No. 10774.

Carried.

The President informed the meeting that the expenditure for the year 1894-95, as thus passed, amounted to Rs. 62,57,211; adding to this the surplus of Rs. 17,67,289, the total of the expenditure and unappropriated funds is Rs. 80,24,500.

The meeting then adjourned, and the President fixed Monday, the 22nd instant, at 3 p.m., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, *20th January* 1894.

THE Address of Welcome from the Corporation to the Right Hon'ble Victor Alexander Bruce, Earl of Elgin and Kinkardine, the Viceroy and Governor-General designate of India, was presented at the Apollo Bunder at 4-30 p.m. this day, when there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASSARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M. A.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA, C.I.E.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E. (on duty as Acting Commissioner of Police).

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; the EXECUTIVE ENGINEER; the HEALTH OFFICER; the ASSISTANT HEALTH OFFICER; the ASSESSOR and COLLECTOR; the CHIEF ACCOUNTANT; the ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONER; the SUPERINTENDENT OF MARKETS; the CHIEF OF THE FIRE BRIGADE; the SUPERINTENDENT OF VICTORIA GARDENS; and the SECRETARY.

The President read the following Address :—

TO THE RIGHT HON'BLE VICTOR ALEXANDER BRUCE, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINKARDINE, LORD BRUCE OF KINLOSS AND LORD BRUCE OF TORRY AND BARON ELGIN, P.C., LL.D.,

Viceroy and Governor-General designate of India.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,—We, the President and Members of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, beg to offer your Lordship, on behalf of the people of Bombay, a cordial welcome to the country whose Government has been entrusted to your keeping, by our revered and beloved Sovereign, the Queen-Empress.

2. Fully recognizing the important and onerous duties of the position which your Lordship is called to fill at the head of the

Government of this Empire, and the very grave and varied public responsibilities which are involved in carrying on the administration in this period of its history, we are confident that, in your Lordship, India will find a ruler who will pursue a policy in close sympathy with that of the much-loved Viceroy whose name your Lordship bears, and whose memory you recall.

3. Your Lordship arrives in India in a time of both internal and external peace. The people of Bombay are thankful for this peace, and we may be permitted to hope that it will continue unshaken during your Lordship's administration. Numerous questions of internal polity are pressing on the attention of Government and people alike at the present time, such as the state of the currency, the commercial and financial condition of the country, the extension of railways, and the progress of education in all directions, and claim careful and early consideration.

4. The people of this country are now bound together by the ties of a common loyalty to the Queen-Empress, whom they have learnt to regard with feelings of deep affection and reverence.

5. We have reason to believe that your Lordship will be received all over India and by all classes of the people with a foregone prepossession in your Lordship's favour, arising from the faith which is placed in the name you bear, and from the experience of the policy followed by your distinguished father; and they gladly anticipate that your Lordship's rule will tend to confirm those sentiments by an impartial, righteous and sympathetic treatment of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

6. In conclusion, we trust that both your Lordship and Lady Elgin may enjoy a continuance of health during the period of your Viceroyalty and for many years after.

THOMAS BLANEY,
President.

BOMBAY: MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
20th January 1894.

The Seal of the Corporation affixed in the presence of
COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, G.G.M.C.
HARKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS,
Members of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation.

H. WYNFORD BARROW,
Municipal Secretary.

The Earl of Elgin and Kinkardine replied to the Address.*

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* The reply, as reported in the *Times of India* of 22nd January 1894, was as follows:—

Mr. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—I have to return you my very warmest thanks for the kind and cordial terms of the address you have just read and the welcome you have given me to Indian soil. I am one whose respect for Municipal institutions is based on some experience of the services they render to the health

and happiness of the community. It is well-known that the Municipality of Bombay has recognised its duty in this respect and has carried it out with efficiency, and I venture to assure you of my ready sympathy in your patriotic labours. (Loud applause.) Gentlemen, your welcome from this ancient and famous city, recalling the words of encouragement from ancient Municipalities in my own country, is especially gratifying to me at a moment which, I conceive, no man can approach unmoved. Your geographical position gives you the opportunity of meeting at the outset of their career the men to whom her Majesty from time to time entrusts the arduous duties of Viceroy of India, and not only that, but also when they pass through here before leaving the threshold for the last time. I thank you for the kindness with which you have received me. I cannot tell what may have been the feeling of my distinguished predecessors, but I imagine no one can approach this moment without some sense of the coming responsibilities. For my own part the varied responsibilities, to which in fitting terms you have called my attention, would appear well-nigh overwhelming were it not for the generous confidence you have expressed in me.

You indicate the best means by which I can justify that confidence, when you invite care and diligence, in the consideration of the incidents which affect the Government and the people. This only, therefore, will I permit myself to say: it will be my earnest hope and endeavour so to assist the able men with whom I shall be associated in dealing with and regulating the questions now pending or which may hereafter come up for disposition, as to not only advance the material prosperity of this country, but to secure and conserve its rights to every class of her Majesty's subjects. (Applause.) Mr. President, I observe with great satisfaction the full and ample recognition of what after all is the strongest bond of union and chief security—our common loyalty to the Queen-Empress. You say truly that that loyalty is based on an affection which her Majesty knows how to inspire in every part of her dominions, because we know how it is reciprocated by herself. That loyalty, if it is not a mere loyalty of the lips, imposes its duties on every individual and upon every class of the community, and it is therefore a great satisfaction to me that I have your assurance, not only speaking for yourselves of this great city, but expressing the general sentiment, that in the performance of my duties as a loyal servant of the Crown, I shall have the support of a loyal people devoted to the Government of our beloved Sovereign. Gentlemen, you have referred in feeling sentences to the services of my father. I confess it was a matter of some pride to me, that I am the first in a now lengthening roll of Viceroys, who might advance his hereditary claim to your regard. It is additionally gratifying that you have recognised this, and endorsed it in a manner which would add another incentive to me to follow in my father's footsteps. I venture to hope that no act of mine will do aught to depose the name I bear from the honourable position it

holds in the memory of India. (Loud applause.) I have only in conclusion to thank you sincerely for the good wishes expressed to Lady Elgin and myself. If I venture to join in the hope that health may be vouchsafed to us, it is that we may have the same energy to devote to your service. I thank you again for the splendid reception you have given me to-day, and I assure you that the interests of the city and the inhabitants of Bombay will ever be our concern. (Loud applause.)

BOMBAY, 22*nd January* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 4th instant and adjourned from the 18th idem), held this day, there were present:—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L.M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MANEKSHAH J. TALYARKHAN, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MAHOMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th instant were signed.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao N. Vasudeo, Esq.—

"That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 721-4-0 from savings in the grant for water works, maintenance, I, establishment and labour, E, maintenance, to new works, repointing with Indian patent stone the remaining portions of the inner faces of the outer walls of the Bhandarwada Reservoir, in order to provide for cost of drain and pipes for ground water under floor and outside walls and for plastering four more arches."

No. 10939.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.—

No. 10940. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 8916, dated 6th December 1893, sanction be given to the adjustment of the three following amounts sanctioned in previous years and aggregating Rs. 25,330-5-5, by debit to surplus cash balance:—(1) building ward office at Dadar, Rs. 14,140; (2) filling in portion of the Sewri Cemetery, Rs. 9,877-13-5; and (3) purchase of boundary stones for fixing along the pipe line from Kurla to Vehar and from Bandora to Tulsi, Rs. 1,312-8-0."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao N. Vasudeo, Esq.—

No. 10941. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 8904, dated 6th December 1893, sanction be given to an additional grant of Rs. 4,725 from surplus cash balance to meet the cost of coal required for the Love Grove pumping station up to the end of February 1894."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 10942. "That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 1,500 from savings in the grant for the Engineer's Department, IV, streets and buildings, A, inspection and supervision, section 1, to General Department, section 4, printing, and streets and buildings, section 2, printing, to meet excess on the latter heads."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 10943. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 8628, dated 29th November 1893, sanction be given to the payment from surplus cash balance, of Rs. 1,087 for the purchase from Messrs. Venku, Balloo & Co., the contractors for building the new Municipal Offices, of glazed moulded coping tiles and quarry glass for future repairs to the building."

Carried with two dissentients.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 9366, dated 16th December 1893, from the Municipal Secretary, reporting budget transfers, sanctioned by the Standing Committee up to 13th idem, amounting to Rs. 990."

No. 10944.

Carried.

Proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—"Letter to the President, No. 7576, Judicial Department, dated 1st December 1893, from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth, on the subject of despatch to the Bombay Government from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India regarding the increase of Bombay City Police force."*

No. 10945.

Carried.

Considered resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 8899, dated 6th November last.

Read letter No. 15162, dated 26th October 1893, to the Municipal Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—The Standing Committee and Corporation are aware that on 25th November 1892 Mr. R. G. Walton wrote a letter expressing his wish to retire from the service of the Municipality, supporting his application and claim to pension by a medical certificate, dated 25th idem, from Sir Guyer Hunter. On 28th December the Standing Committee passed a resolution No. 10049 accepting the resignation and granting Mr. Walton the pension (Rs. 250 per mensem) to which he was entitled under the (old) pension rules. On 5th December 1892 the Corporation passed a resolution No. 9457, appointing Mr. M. C. Murzban Executive Engineer for five years. Mr. Murzban took charge of his appointment on the 25th January 1893. On 27th January 1893 Mr. Walton wrote me a letter (copy enclosed) in which he stated (*a*) that when he resigned his appointment he was under the impression that the new pension rules were in force ; (*b*) that his object in resigning was to facilitate the future arrangements of the Corporation ; (*c*) that if he had not been under the above impression, he would have claimed the extension of leave which was due to him instead of resigning ; (*d*) that by the same mail and on the same date as that on which he despatched his resignation, he sent me a second letter withdrawing it ; and (*e*) appealing on these grounds to be allowed pension under the new

* *See* Proceedings of the Corporation, dated 7th December 1893.

rules. It is the fact that at the date of his resignation, Mr. Walton might have obtained an extension from 6th December 1892 of three months' leave on half pay and nine months more on quarter pay. Either half or quarter pay would have been more than the pension granted to him or to which he would have been entitled under the new rules. The new pension rules came into force on 20th March 1893. On 29th March 1893, the Standing Committee, under their Resolution No. 14099, answered Mr. Walton that his application could not be entertained, the Solicitors having advised that retrospective effect could not be given to the new pension rules. Subsequently, though I forget under what circumstances, the opinion of counsel was taken on the legal point involved, and Mr. Inverarity advised (*a*) that the Municipality could not give retrospective effect to the new pension rules and that Mr. Walton had no legal right to pension under them ; (*b*) that a new regulation under section 81 to cover his case would be *ultra vires* ; (*c*) that the Municipality might allow Mr. Walton to withdraw his resignation and cancel their acceptance of it ; (*d*) that if Mr. Walton's letter of resignation was one of resigning his post as a Municipal servant (which it was), the Corporation might treat it as a resignation of his post as Executive Engineer and allow it to be withdrawn as a resignation of the Municipal service.

On my asking the Solicitors how Mr. Walton could be allowed to remain in the service after Mr. Murzban had formally succeeded to his office, they replied that he might be allowed to remain in the service without pay. These opinions were recorded by the Standing Committee under their resolution No. 662 of 19th April 1893. On 9th June 1893 Mr. Walton sent me a letter forwarding copy of an affidavit signed by himself and Miss Ida Maud MacFarlane, testifying to the despatch to me by him of a letter of resignation, dated 27th January 1893, and to the further despatch, on the same day, of another letter withdrawing it. I enclose copies of the letter and affidavit. I wrote to Mr. Walton on 27th June 1893, pointing out that his resignation was dated 25th November 1892, not 27th January 1893, and that a withdrawal two months afterwards could not avail him. I enclose copy of my letter. On 11th August Mr. Walton replied to me saying that the date in the copy of the affidavit was a clerical error, that in the original it was 25th November 1892 and that this date was substantiated by his possession of a telegram from Messrs. King, King and Co., Bombay, officially stamped 25th November 1892, on which he had endorsed "Despatched withdrawal of resignation, 25th November 1892." This telegram will be quoted below. I answered that he had better send a fresh copy of the affidavit. This I have now received with a letter from Mr. Walton dated 6th instant.

The affidavit speaks for itself. It certifies that Mr. Walton despatched his resignation, dated 25th November 1892, because he had been informed that the new pension rules had come into force,

that after 5 p.m. on the same day he received the telegram of which a copy is given in the margin, in consequence of which he immediately wrote to me another letter withdrawing his resignation and asking for an extension of leave till the new pension rules had been passed ; that Miss MacFarlane read the letter and that, accompanied by her, he went to the post office which he reached at ten minutes to 6 ; that he was informed by the postmaster that, if an extra stamp was affixed, it would go by that day's Indian mail; that the extra stamp accordingly was affixed and the letter posted. This letter has never reached me. Had it done so, Mr. Walton's resignation would not have been sent in. The facts, as explained in this letter and in the correspondence annexed, seem to me to make out a very strong case for Mr. Walton.

Pension rules postponed ; withdraw resignation ; await letter King.

At the date of his resignation (25th November 1892) he could have obtained an extension of leave on half pay to 6th March 1893 and on quarter pay to 6th December 1893 ; his half pay was Rs. 750, his quarter pay was Rs. 375, both of them exceeding not only the pension, Rs. 250, actually granted, but also the pension, Rs. 333-5-4, to which the new rules would entitle him. He can therefore have had no possible object in resigning instead of obtaining an extension, excepting, as he himself says, a wish to facilitate the arrangements of the Municipality, and it is certainly very hard that his complaisance should be followed by such disastrous results to himself. But, putting aside all question of sentiment, it seems to me to be questionable whether the Municipality has any right to ignore the fact that his resignation was in reality withdrawn. If his second letter of 25th November 1892 had not miscarried, Mr. Walton would still have been in the service when the new pension rules came into force and would have obtained the benefit of them. I do not see how Mr. Walton can justly be punished for the laches of the post office. Taking these circumstances into consideration, it seems to me to be difficult to resist the claim, at all events, to be allowed to be continued in the Municipal service until the date when the new pension rules were confirmed by Government. The only way in which this can be done is to allow Mr. Walton to withdraw his letter of 25th November 1892 in so far as it relates to his resignation of the Municipal service, the resignation of the post of Executive Engineer holding good. Leave without pay can then be granted to him from 24th November 1892 to 20th March 1893, the date of the confirmation of the new pension rules. From that date a pension of Rs. 333-5-4 will be admissible to Mr. Walton. The amount of pension, at the rate of Rs. 250 per mensem, which has already been paid to him from 24th November 1892 to 20th March 1893 will have to be recovered. The greater part of it will be met by the difference in the two rates of pension up to date and the old rate of pension might continue to be paid until the whole sum is recovered. Of course this arrangement will require the sanction of the Corporation.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by S. Rebsch, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 8899, dated 6th November 1893, the Corporation, as a special case, (1) permit Mr. R. G. Walton to withdraw his letter of 25th November 1892 in so far as it relates to his resignation of the Municipal service, the resignation of the post of the Executive Engineer holding good; (2) grant him leave without pay from the 24th November 1892 to 20th March 1893, the date of the confirmation of the new rules; (3) grant him from that date a pension of Rs. 333-5-4 per mensem; (4) recover from him the amount of the pension at Rs. 250 per mensem already paid to him, from 24th November 1892 to 20th March 1893."

In accordance with notice, the following amendment was proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham :—

"That resolution No. 8753, dated 17th November 1892, accepting Mr. R. Walton's resignation of service having been passed in consequence of an error in the Postal Department, which resulted in failure to deliver an application for leave from Mr. Walton and withdrawal of his resignation, Mr. Walton be declared to have been on leave without pay up to 1st May 1893."

The amendment was seconded by Anandrao N. Vasudeo, Esq.

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 14 *for* and 25 *against*.

The original motion was also *lost*, the votes being 11 *for* and 20 *against*.

Proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 9314, dated 13th December 1893, sanction be given to an advance of Rs. 25,000 from available surplus funds or other balances to meet the cost of constructing road from Vehar to Tulsi with a light tramway to carry pipes as provided for in the Loan Works Budget for 1893-94; the amount to be adjusted against the Loan when raised."

Amendment proposed by W. R. Hamilton,. Esq., seconded by C. H. Byrne, Esq.,—

"That the consideration of item No. 15 be postponed until the meeting to be held in February."

The amendment was *lost*, the votes being 10 *for* and 16 *against*.

The original motion was also *lost*, the votes being 9 *for* and 14 *against*.

At a quarter before 5 o'clock it was resolved, on the motion of Karsandas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That the meeting do now adjourn."

The President fixed Thursday, 25th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 25*th January* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 4th instant, and adjourned from the 22nd idem) held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., L.L.B.; ANANDRAO NARAYAN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAISHANKAR NANABHAI, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHAW EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M. I. C. E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM M.A.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAJ, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 20th and 22nd instant were signed.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao N. Vasudeo, Esq.—

"That the Corporation approve of the transfer of Rs. 1,200 from savings in the grant for section I, establishment and labour, water-

No. 11216.

works maintenance, to section III, contingencies, to meet excess on the latter head, due to insufficient budget provision."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karshedji N. Wadya, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 9313, dated 13th December 1893, sanction be given to an extra grant of Rs. 2,500 from surplus cash balance for the book value of water used at the Love Grove Pumping Station during the current year."

No. 11217.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. B.
23355

BOMBAY, 27*th November* 1893.

To THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department, Bombay.

SIR,—In reply to memorandum No. 7065, dated the 10th of November 1893, I have the honor to give below the estimated net cost of the City Police for the year 1894-95 exclusive of any charges for pension. This estimate, which includes the cost of the additional Police lately sanctioned for the City, has been chiefly based upon the figures proposed by the Commissioner of Police, modified by such information as is at present available in my office. The question regarding the payment of the exchange compensation allowances is at present before Government, and I am not sure whether they will be granted to all the European members of the Force, but for the present I have assumed that they will, and have accordingly provided a lump sum of Rs. 6,000 for the purpose.

Estimated Gross Expenditure.

(1) Superintendence, *i.e.*, Commissioner of Police, Deputy Commissioner, allowances, office establishment with contingencies, &c.,Rs. 51,495; (2) Superintendents, Inspectors, Constables, native officers of Police, allowances, supplies and services, contingencies, &c., Rs. 4,68,803; (3) Cattle pound charges, Rs. 4,872 ; (4) River, Harbour, or Marine Police, Rs. 34,342 ; (5) Dockyard Police, Rs. 18,784 ; (6) Guards for public buildings, Rs. 15,463 ; (7) Private watchmen and Ramoshis, Rs. 84,000; (8) Port Trust Establishment, Rs. 19,336; (9) University Police, Rs. 560 ; (10) Hospital charges, Rs. 7,823 ; (11) Exchange compensation allowances, Rs. 6,000. Total Rs. 7,11,478.

Deduct—Estimated recoveries as follows :—

(1) Bombay Port Trust contribution towards the Harbour, Victoria and Prince's Dock Police. In the absence of any orders to the contrary, the contribution for the current year has been repeated, Rs. 27,750 ; (2) Contribution from the University, Rs. 679 ; (3) Private watchmen and Ramoshis, Rs. 92,000 ; (4) Cattle pound, Rs. 8,000 ; (5) Miscellaneous, Rs. 571 :— Rs. 1,29,000. Total estimate net cost of the City Police for 1894-95

Rs. 5,82,478. *Deduct* Government one-fourth share of the cost of the Police, Rs. 1,45,619 ; Special contribution for the Victoria and Albert Museum, &c., maintained by the Municipality, Rs. 10,463:—Rs 1,56.082. Total estimated net cost payable by the Bombay Municipality, Rs 4,26,396.

From the above figures it will be seen that the amount payable by the Municipality under section 62 (*a*) of the Municipal Act is Rs. 4,26,396. This estimate is provisional and is subject to modification on later information to be received from the Commissioner as well as by the orders Government may pass when dealing with the Budget note on the major head, "20—Police," now in course of preparation.—I have, &c., A. F. COX, Accountant General.

No. 7764 OF 1893.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, *8th December* 1893.

Copy forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay with reference to his letter No. 14798 of the 19th October last, with an intimation that the difference in the figures on account of "River, Harbour or Marine Police" and other heads from those shown under the corresponding head in the statements attached to Government Resolution 5389 of 28th August 1893 is due to the fact that in the statements attached to that Government resolution, contingencies, &c., have not, as explained in the foot-note appended thereto, been included.

(2). The estimate framed by the Accountant General aggregating Rs. 4,26,396 is provisional and is subject to modification on later information to be received from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, as well as by the orders Government may pass when dealing with the Budget note on "20—Police."

C. H. HILL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 18699 OF 11*th December* 1893.

Copy forwarded to the Standing Committee and the Corporation with reference to the provision of Rs. 4 lakhs on account of the cost of the Police in the budget estimates for the year 1894-95.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 11218. "That memoradum No. 18699, dated 11th December 1893, from the Commissioner, and accompaniments thereto, be *recorded*, pending the information to be received by Government from the Commissioner of Police, and that the President be requested to inform Government accordingly."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No 399 OF 1893.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY CASTLE, *9th December* 1893.

To T. BLANEY, Esq.,
President, Municipal Corporation.

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence ending with Government letter No. 1535, dated 1st May 1893, I am directed to forward herewith the papers noted in the margin,* and to state that, in view of the consideration therein brought to notice, His Excellency the Governor in Council has decided to defer the amendment of section 521 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, until the necessity for such action has been clearly established by a Judicial decision.—I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

* Extract paragraph 13 of the letter from the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, No. 1183, dated 29th August 1893.
Extract paragraphs 3 and 4 of the opinion of the Honourable the Advocate-General, No. 91, dated 2nd September 1893.
Extract paragraph 1 of the letter from the Government of India, No. 978, dated 10th August 1893.

Extract paragraph 13 *of a letter from the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, No.* 1183, *dated* 29*th August* 1893.

13. I do not know whether I am at liberty to express an opinion on the subject, but if it is open to me to do so, I would submit—

(*a*) that as yet no judicial *decision* has ever thrown any doubt on the operative force of such expressions as those contained in Section 521 of Bombay III of 1888;

(*b*) that the *doubts* expressed were mere magisterial *obiter dicta* ;

(*c*) that the Legislature has so uniformly employed similar expressions in so many enactments that the High Court could hardly hesitate as to its intention;

(*d*) that in construing Acts "the intention of the Legislature is invariably to be accepted and carried into effect ;"

Maxwell on Interpretation of Statutes, page 65.

(*e*) that, if the expressions so uniformly used have not the operation intended, they are meaningless; and "out of respect for the Legislature" enactments are to be construed so as to avoid imputing absurdity and to prevent evasion;

Maxwell on Interpretation of Statutes, 133, 230, 243 to 247, &c.

(*f*) that *effect* is to be given to the whole of the language used and that where the language is unambiguous and susceptible of a reasonable meaning, it is not to be regarded as inoperative; Maxwell, p. 28.

(*g*) that the opinion quoted in letter No. 6287 of 13th September 1892 from the President, Bombay Municipal Corporation, is not only as yet unendorsed by any judicial ruling or dictum of any authority, but is apparently not concurred in by the Honorable the Advocate-General;

(*h*) that from letter No. 13668 of 20th March 1893, from the President, Bombay Municipal Corporation, it would appear that Magistrates have convicted in cases where no conviction could have been sustained unless section 521 of the Act were capable of bearing the construction evidently intended by the Legislature.

Extract paragraphs 3 *and* 4 *of the opinion of the Honorable the Advocate-General, No.* 91, *dated 2nd September* 1893.

3. I think there is some doubt as to the effect of *section* 521 as it stands at present, but the same wording has been adopted in many other Acts, including the Calcutta and Madras Municipal Acts, and it has never yet been judicially decided that the section, as at present worded, is not sufficient to carry out what the Legislature intended.

4. I think there is no urgent need for legislation on the subject and that it will be sufficient to legislate if it is ever judicially decided that *section* 521 or any of the similar sections in other enactments have not the effect which the Legislature intended.

Extract paragraph 1 *of the letter from the Government of India No.* 978, *dated 10th August 1893 (with the omission of the last sentence).*

In continuation of the telegram from this Department No. 956, dated the 4th instant, on the subject of the proposed amendment of section 521 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, I am directed to say that neither your letter No. 247, dated the 19th ultimo, nor the statement of Objects and Reasons annexed to the draft Bill forwarded therewith, explains why section 521 of Bombay Act III of 1888, as it stands at present, is considered to be insufficient. I am to point out that the section in question is practically identical with the provisions of the Calcutta and Madras Municipal Acts, as contained in section 51 of Bengal Act II of 1888 and section 56 of Madras Act I of 1884; no proposal has been made to amend either of these sections.

Proposed by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 11219. "That Government letter No. 399, Legislative Department, dated 9th December 1893, be *recorded.*"

Carried.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham, seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 11220. "That item No. 20 on the agenda paper be transferred to the list of business for the February meeting." *

Carried.

Considered the following:—

No. 18081 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *2nd December* 1893.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have now the honor to reply to Corporation resolution No. 2622 of 19th June last. I presume the Corporation do not require any detailed description of the zoological collection, which can be obtained for himself by any visitor to the gardens. It may be spoken of generally as being small, not representative either of India or any foreign country, and susceptible of great improvement in the way of arrangement. The object of the resolution, judging by the debate which preceded it, was specific information as to the feasibility and the manner of improving the collection so as to make it a valuable unit in itself, instead of, as it is at present (in spite of great advances in late years), more or less a casual adjunct to the gardens.

"That the Commissioner be requested to report on the condition of the zoological collection at the Victoria Gardens with a view to the improvement of the same."

2. On the passing of the resolution above referred to, I invoked the assistance of the Natural History Society which was readily given. A Committee of the Society was appointed and has from time to time visited the gardens and made a number of valuable suggestions, added to which I have been in personal communication with Mr. H. M. Phipson, the Secretary of the Society. It was at first my intention, and I so far carried it out as to address a letter to the Standing Committee, which I afterwards recalled, to apply for sanction to the deputation of the Superintendent of Gardens to Calcutta, Karachi and Jeypore, where good zoological collections exist, with a view to his collecting such information as might enable me to propose a complete scheme. The Committee of the Natural History Society were, however, of opinion that this step would be premature and that the first thing to be done was to arrange for the better distribution of the existing collection

* Regarding the proposed improvement of Wari Bunder Road, &c., and the provision of burying ground for Mahomedans and Beni-Israels.

and the erection of a few additional cages for the proper accommodation of animals and birds we already possess or may without much difficulty obtain.

3. The specific proposals now made have been the subject of much consideration and are the result of a free interchange of opinions.

4. The Corporation are aware that we have received an offer of a couple of lions from H. H. the Nawab of Junagadh, who has also contributed Rs. 2,500 towards a cage for them, the requisite balance, Rs. 2,546, having been sanctioned by the Corporation.

5. We have a number of animals of the larger mammalia class (hyena, wolf, wild-dog, &c.,) which at present are confined in small wooden cages and for which accommodation, where they can be better seen, and which will be more suitable to their health and habits, is generally admitted to be necessary. It is proposed to erect a cage and enclosure for them, and also the cage for the lions on the site of the present deer enclosure.

6. The large plot of ground lying to the extreme east of the gardens has up to the present been made no use of, and it seems to be eminently suitable for a deer park. The Committee of the Natural History Society inform me that deer of different species should not be kept together in the same enclosure. The ground referred to, generally known as the flour mills land, is sufficiently large to admit of being broken up into a number of different enclosures and still to afford plenty of space for active animals such as deer. This ground will require drainage and an estimate has been prepared for connecting it with the storm-water drain in Connaught Road.

7. The Committee of the Natural History Society have drawn attention to the necessity of providing suitable aviaries in a suitable place and an estimate has been prepared accordingly, the place chosen being near the large banian-tree east of the eastern ornamental water.

8. I have been able to procure from Sydney, New South Wales, four kangaroos, which are perhaps the most attractive animals (on account of their rarity) which we possess. I have been obliged for the present to locate them in a portion of the ground set apart for the ostriches, but now propose to remove them to the lawn, west and south of the refreshment-room, where they will obtain grass and shade and at the same time be very conspicuous.

9. Estimates have been taken out of the cost of the works which I have referred to, and they are as follows :—

	Rs.
Stormwater drain	6,618
Enclosure, &c., for kangaroos...	5,873
Aviaries (3)	4,891
Laying out ground to east as a deer enclosure, including roads round and to it	35,591
Cages and enclosures for hyenas, wolves, wild-dogs, badgers, &c.	12,812
Total ... Rs.	65,785

10. There are several works of a minor character, which it is desirable to carry out. The chawl acquired in 1890 with the flour mills land and used for the accommodation of animal-keepers and malies is in a dilapidated condition and must before long be vacated. It is not susceptible of efficient repair except at a cost equal to that of rebuilding it. It is proposed to throw the land it occupies into the new deer park and to erect another chawl for animal-keepers and malies elsewhere. It is also proposed to erect a building for the head animal-keeper who undoubtedly ought to live on the spot. He used formerly to do so, but now receives a house allowance of Rs. 25 per mensem and lives elsewhere. The cost of these and other smaller works are given below :—

	Rs.
Chawl for 20 animal-keepers and malies	13,800
Quarters for head keeper	5,000
Wall and fence south of the gardens	3,578
Repairs to movable cages	487
Repairs to old permanent cages to be used as a hospital ...	1,656
Renewing the bullock stable	1,471
Repairs to office	300
Total Rs. ...	26 292
Add—Previous amount	65,785
Total Rs. ...	92,077

The amount to the credit of the Garden Fund is Rs. 44,773, which leaves a sum of Rs. 47,304 to be provided from surplus cash balance.

11. The Committee of the Natural History Society consider that a Zoological Superintendent ought to be obtained from Europe as a preliminary to the systematic extension of the collection.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Banks—

"That a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen be appointed to consider and report on the question of the proposed improvement of the zoological collection in the Victoria Gardens :—Dr. Banks, Dr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Mr. Rebsch, Mr. Shroff, Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Dr. Katrak, Dr. Maconachie,* the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik,* and the Commissioner.

No. 11221.

First *amendment*, proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

"That the subject of the improvement of the zoological collection in the Victoria Gardens be referred to the

* The names of Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Maconachie and the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal were added on the suggestion of Mr. Viegas, and the name of Mr. Katrak on the suggestion of Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar.

Standing Committee for their report and recommendations."

Second *amendment*, proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That the Corporation do now proceed to consider the letter of the Commissioner on the subject of the improvement of the zoological collection in the Victoria Gardens."

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Shroff was allowed to withdraw his amendment.

On a division, the first amendment was *lost*, the votes being 6 *for* and 38 *against*.

The original motion was *carried* by 32 votes *against* 1.

Considered the following :—

Monthly Return of Sick treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, for the Month of November 1893.

No.	Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	2	5	7	4	1	2	7
2	Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	2	5	7	4	1	2	7

BOMBAY, 1*st December* 1893.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 26759 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 8*th December* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner.

J. LEASK, *for* Health Officer.

No. 18751 OF 12*th December* 1893.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 18751, dated 12th December 1893, from the Commissioner, forwarding monthly return of sick treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road for the month of November 1893."

No. 11222.

Carried.

Considered letter No. 18082, dated 2nd December 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, forwarding details of the excesses on law charges, and asking for an additional grant of Rs. 30,000 to meet the same ; also resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 9652, dated 27th idem thereon.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by R. H. Vincent, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their Resolution No. 9652, dated 27th December 1893, sanction be given to an extra grant of Rs. 30,000 from surplus cash balance to meet the excess cost of law charges up to the end of the financial year."

No. 11223.

Carried.

Read letter No. A-19867, dated 27th December 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—Referring to Corporation Resolution No. 9225 of 11th instant, I have the honor to say that advertisements were issued as therein desired, requiring applications to be sent in to my office by noon on Friday 22nd, and requiring applicants to appear before me at noon on 23rd. The following persons sent in applications and made their appearance :—

Ahmed Mahomed Ismail Shaik, aged 18.
Sorabjee Merwanjee Garde, aged 20.
Devram Keshav Ghosla Meetha, aged 19.
Bhagvantrao Ramchandra, aged 30.
Hari Sadashiv Paranjpe, aged 20.
Atmaram Gajanan, aged 23.

The first is a Mahomedan, the second a Parsi, and the rest Hindus.

The first two are among the three recommended by Veterinary Captain Mills, and I recommend that they be appointed to free studentships. It is not quite so easy to select a Hindu. The Hindu candidate, if he may so be called, recommended by Veterinary Captain Mills A. V. Shehke did not send in his application. Of the four Hindus who did so, the first two, Devram and Bhagvantrao, seem to

be tolerably well-to-do, the former being the son of a Veterinary Surgeon apparently in full practice, and the latter the son of a Ratnagiri money-lender who has inherited some fortune from his father. The third, Hari Sadashiv, is a Brahmin mendicant, and the fourth Atmaram Gajanan, a Kyasth, whose father is a Government pensioner with a pension of Rs. 20 per mensem. I find some difficulty in choosing between them, and must leave the Corporation to decide the point. Both speak English fairly, and I should say their educational qualifications are about upon a par.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Read letter to the President, dated 7th instant, from Mr. W. Robertson, a student in the College, applying for one of the free scholarships.

Proposed by Bhaishankar Nanabhai, Esq., seconded by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq.—

"That memorandum No. 19867-A, dated 27th December 1893, from the Commissioner be *recorded.*

No. 11224.

"That the Corporation approve of the selection of the following candidates for free studentships in the Veterinary College :—

1. Ahmed Mahomed Ismail Shaik.
2. Sorabjee Merwanjee Garde.
3. Hari Sadashiv Paranjpe."

Carried.

On the motion of Bhaishankar Nanabhai, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., the meeting adjourned, and the President fixed Monday, the 29th instant, at 3. P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 29*th January* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 4th instant, and adjourned from the 25th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq. ; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S. ; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I. ; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq. ; BHAISHANKER NANABHAI, Esq. ; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M. ; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E. ; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C. ; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C. ; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S. ; RAO SAHEB ELLAPA BALARAM ; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq. ; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq. ; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq. ; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq. ; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq. ; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq. ; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK ; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq. ; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq. ; K. M SHROFF, Esq. ; KHAR-

SHEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; S REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th instant, were signed.

Read, with reference to the Corporation's Resolution No. 7842, dated 13th November 1893, asking the Commissioner to furnish estimates of the cost of building chawls and stables for the Health Department, D Ward, on vacant municipal ground, Foras Road, letter No. 19077, dated 15th December 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—With reference to the resolution of the Corporation, No. 7842, dated 13th ultimo, I have the honor to report that the Health Officer considers the site to be too distant for stables for D Ward.—I have, &c.,—H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 11456. "That the subject be referred back to the Commissioner, with a request that the Health Officer will be good enough to point out whether any available and nearer site can be secured for the stables of D Ward."

Amendment, proposed by Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Banks, seconded by R. H. Vincent, Esq.—

"That letter No. 19077, dated 15th December 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, be *recorded*."

On a division, the amendment was *lost*, the votes being 4 *for* and 7 *against*.

The original motion was *carried*, the votes being 8 *for* and 4 *against*.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

No. 11457. "That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 19125, dated 15th December 1893, sanction be given, under section 92 (*c*) of the Municipal Act, to the leasing, at the following rents, of the rooms

contained in the five chawls situated in the compound of the Bandora Slaughter Houses occupied by Sheep-dealers, Kamathies, &c. :—

Statement showing the number of rooms in the chawls at Bandora and the amount of rents charged in respect of each room every month.

					Rs. a.	
Chawl ...	No. 1.	Rooms.	20	Free.	...	Occupied by the Municipal servants, biggarees, halal-khors, Lamp-lighters, Van drivers and Sub-Inspector; also two rooms for stores.
Chawl ...	No. 2.	Rooms.	18	Rented.	25 0	Rented by the Commissariat contractor.
Chawl ...	No. 3.	Rooms.	34	occupied as below :—		
		Room.	1-34	Free.	...	Sub Inspector—Municipal servant.
		,,	2-33	,,	...	Peons do.
		,,	3-32	,,	...	Peon do.
		,,	4	,,	...	Biggaree do.
		,,	5	Empty.	...	This room was kept for the clerk to take his meals in. It can be let for Rs. 1-8-0.
		,,	6	Rented.	2 8	
		,,	7-28	Free.	...	Peon—Municipal servant.
		,,	8-27	,,	...	Do. do.
		,,	9	Rented.	2 8	[pal servants.
		,,	10	Free.	...	Meat-van drivers—Munici-
		,,	11	Rented.	1 8	
		,,	12	,,	1 8	
		,,	13	,,	1 8	
		,,	14	,,	2 8	
		,,	15	,,	2 8	
		,,	16	,,	1 8	
		,,	17-18	,,	3 0	
		,,	19	,,	2 8	
		,,	20	,,	1 8	
		,,	21	,,	1 8	
		,,	22	,,	1 8	
		,,	23	,,	2 8	
		,,	24	,,	1 8	
		,,	25	,,	1 8	
		,,	26	,,	2 8	
		,,	29	,,	2 8	
		,,	30	,,	2 8	
		,,	31	,,	2 8	
						Rs. 41 8 0
Chawl ...	No. 4.	Rooms.	52	occupied as follows :—		
		Room.	35	Rented.	1 8	
		,,	36	,,	1 8	
		,,	37	,,	1 8	
		,,	38	,,	1 8	
		,,	39	,,	1 8	
		,,	40	,,	2 8	
		,,	41	,,	1 8	
		,,	42	,,	2 8	
		,,	43	,,	2 8	
		,,	44	,,	1 8	
		,,	45	,,	2 8	
		,,	46	,,	1 8	
				Carried over.	22 0	

					Rs.	a	
			Brought forward		22	0	
Chawl ...	No. 4.	Room.	47	Rented.	1	8	
		»	48	»	1	8	
		»	49	»	1	8	
		»	50	»	1	8	
		»	51	»	1	8	
		»	52	»	1	8	
		»	53	»	1	8	
		»	54	»	1	8	
		»	55	»	1	8	
		»	56	»	1	8	
		»	57	»	1	8	
		»	58	»	1	8	
		»	59	»	1	8	
		»	60	»	1	8	
		»	61	»	1	8	
		»	62	»	1	8	
		»	63	»	2	8	
		»	64	»	1	8	
		»	65	»	1	8	
		»	66	»	2	8	
		»	67	»	1	8	
		»	68	»	1	8	
		»	69	»	1	8	
		»	70	»	1	8	
		»	71	»	1	8	
		»	72	»	1	8	
		»	73	»	1	8	
		»	74	»	1	8	
		»	75	»	1	8	
		»	76	»	1	8	
		»	77	»	1	8	
		»	78	»	1	8	
		»	79	»	1	8	
		»	80	»	2	8	
		»	81	»	2	8	
		»	82	»	1	8	
		»	83	»	1	8	
		»	84	»	1	8	
		»	85	»	1	8	
		»	86	»	1	8	
							Rs. 86 0 0
Chawl ...	No. 5	Rooms.	52	occupied as below :—			
		Room.	87	Rented.	2	8	
		»	88	»	2	8	
		»	89	»	1	8	
		»	90	»	1	8	
		»	91-134	Free.	...		Farrier—Municipal servant.
		»	92	Rented.	1	8	
		»	93	»	1	8	
		»	94	»	1	8	
		»	95	»	1	8	
		»	96	»	1	8	
		»	97	»	1	8	
		»	98	»	1	8	
		»	99	»	1	8	
		»	100	»	1	8	
		»	101	»	1	8	
		»	102	»	1	8	
		»	103	»	1	8	
		»	104	»	2	8	
				Carried over.	28	8	

					Rs.	a.	
			Brought forward		28	8	
Chawl ...	No. 5.	Room.	105	Rented.	1	8	
		»	106	»	1	8	
		»	107	»	2	8	
		»	108	»	1	8	
		»	109	»	1	8	
		»	110	»	1	8	
		»	111	»	1	8	
		»	112	»	1	8	
		»	113	»	1	8	
		»	114	»	1	8	
		»	115	»	2	8	
		»	116	»	1	8	
		»	117	»	1	8	
		»	118	»	1	8	
		»	119	»	2	8	
		»	120	»	2	8	
		»	121	»	2	8	
		»	122	»	2	8	
		»	123	»	2	8	
		»	124	»	1	8	
		»	125	»	2	8	
		»	126	»	2	8	
		»	127	»	2	8	
		»	128	»	1	8	
		»	129	»	1	8	
		»	130	»	2	8	
		»	131	»	2	8	
		»	132	»	2	8	
		»	133	»	2	8	
		»	135	»	2	8	
		»	136	»	2	8	
		»	137	»	2	8	
		»	138	»	2	8	
							Rs. 96 0 0

Carried.

Read letter No. 19269, dated 18th December 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, as under :—

SIR,—With reference to Corporation's Resolution No. 9226 of 11th instant, I have the honor to re-submit my letter No. 13265 of 2nd October last, together with that of the Chief Engineer, Northern Division, dated 27th September 1893, for favor of consideration at the January meeting of the Corporation*.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH.

Proposed by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh, seconded by Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Banks—

"That, with reference to the Corporation's resolution No. 5723, dated 18th September 1893, and letters from the

* *See* Proceedings of the Corporation, dated 18th September and 11th December 1893.

Commissioner, No. 13265, dated 2nd October 1893, and No. 1926, dated 18th December 1893, sanction be now given to the supply of water to the Lunatic Asylum at Nowpada at 12 annas per 1,000 gallons."

First amendment, proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

"That, with reference to his letters No. 13265, dated 2nd October 1893, and No. 19269, dated 18th December 1893, the Commissioner be informed that the Corporation adhere to their resolution No. 5723, dated 18th September last, on the subject of the supply of Tansa water to the proposed Lunatic Asylum at Nowpada."

Second amendment, proposed by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner be requested to inform Government that the Corporation are prepared to sanction a water-supply for the Thana Lunatic Asylum to be drawn from the Pawai Reservoir."

Third amendment, proposed by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by Dominick A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That letters Nos. 13265 and 19269, dated 2nd October and 18th December respectively, from the Commissioner be *recorded*, and that he be requested to report to the Corporation whether Nowpada in Thana District can be supplied with water from the Pawai Reservoir."

No. 11458.

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as under :— *Third amendment*—17 *for*, 16 *against*. The amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion by 18 votes *against* 17 votes.

Considered letter from the Commissioner to the Secretary, No. 19335, dated 14th December 1893.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 19335, dated 19th December 1893, sanction be given, under section 92 (*c*) of the Municipal Act, to the following scale of fees for the hire or use of Fire Brigade Steam and Manual Engines by private parties

No. 11459.

within or outside Municipal limits, and by other Municipal Departments:—

Private Parties.

1. Transporting steam engine by aid of horses per mile or part of a mile ... ...Re. 1 per horse.
2. Use of steam engine per day of 8 hours or part of 8 hours ... ...Rs. 35
3. Use of manual engine per day of 8 hours or part of 8 hours ... ... „ 15
4. One day's pay to each officer and fireman per day of 8 hours or part of 8 hours.
5. Actual cost of repairing damage to engines and appurtenances.

All the above charges to be made whether the engines are used or not.

If the engines are used, 20 per cent. to be added.

Municipal Departments.

1. Steam engine per day of 8 hours or part of 8 hours, including men to work it ... ...Rs. 25
2. Manual engine per day of 8 hours or part of 8 hours, including men to work it ... ... „ 10"

Carried.

On the application of Mr. Roughton, the President, with the consent of the meeting, gave priority to notice of motion given by Mr. Roughton as follows:—

Proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 11460.

"1. That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to inform the Corporation whether it is not the fact that the age of retirement from Municipal service has been fixed for (*a*) ordinary cases at 55, and (*b*) exceptional cases at 60.

"2. If there has been no rule laid down to the effect mentioned in the preceding para., whether it is not the fact that such is the present practice.

"3. Whether intimation has not been given in the various or some of the Municipal offices that no Municipal servant must expect to be employed after attaining the age of 60 years.

"4. Whether it is not the fact that the late Municipal Commissioner, Sir Charles Ollivant, fixed the extreme limit of service at 65; and if so, what is the reason for a change being made if such a change has been made.

"5. Whether it is contemplated to retire any, and, if so, which, Municipal servants in the present year (1894)

on account of their having reached any particular limit of age, and what will be the expense to Municipal funds thereby entailed.

"6. To state generally what principles of retirement are now in force as to the retirement of Municipal servants on account of age."

The motion was seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., and

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao N. Vasudeo, Esq.—

No. 11461. "That the Chairman and Agents, Piru Mahomed Mill Co., be informed, in reply to their petition dated 8th September last, that the Corporation are of opinion that the Company have no claim to any variation of the terms laid down by the Corporation in their resolution No. 4595 of 14th August 1890, and that the Company should complete the work required accordingly."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham—

No. 11462. "That, with reference to the Corporation's resolution No. 4790, dated 21st August 1890, and as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 9443, dated 20th December 1893, sanction be given to the net cost of the land added to the Victoria Gardens, Rs. 2,25,967-15-7, with interest and other charges, being adjusted against Rs. 2½ lakhs reserved for that purpose."

Carried.

On the motion of Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh, the meeting adjourned.

The President fixed Thursday, 1st proximo, at 3 p.m., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, *1st February* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation, originally called for the 4th ultimo, and adjourned from the 29th idem, held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL.

S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHAISHANKAR NANABHAI, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHABILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq.; L.M. & S.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M. A.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th instant, were signed.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 9444, dated 20th December 1893, sanction be given (1) to an initial expenditure of Rs. 20,000 for providing additional machinery and plant for lighting the Municipal Offices and the Arthur Crawford Markets by electricity; (2) that the work of providing and fixing the additional plant and machinery be entrusted to Messrs. John Fleming & Co., at a cost of £1,110 at the rate of exchange ruling at the time the tender is accepted; (3) that the work of altering the driving gear of the dynamo be also entrusted to Messrs. Fleming & Co. for a sum not exceeding £34 15*s.* 0*d.* at the rate of exchange ruling; and (4) to the monthly expenditure of Rs. 700 *plus* Rs. 105 for Sinking Fund.

No. 11644.

"The cost of the plant and alterations to be debited to surplus cash balance."

Carried (with one dissentient).

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao N. Vasudeo, Esq.—

"That the Corporation concur with the Commissioner and the Health Officer as to the valuable services rendered by the officers and servants of the Health Department mentioned by the Health Officer in his report for the

third quarter of 1893, and that the resolution of the Standing Committee, as follows, be *recorded* :—

"'That the report of the Health Officer for the third quarter of 1893, and letter from the Commissioner to the Secretary, No. 19126 of 15th instant, be passed on to the Corporation with the expression of the Standing Committee's opinion that the following officers and servants are deserving of warm commendation for their meritorious services during the riots, with a view to such action, if any, as may commend itself to the Corporation :—

"'*Inspectors.*—Glover, Hallums, Desmier, Powell, Ringrow, Dawes, and DeSouza.

"'*Sub-Inspectors.*—Webb, Harris, Mowforth, and Kanoba Bahiroba.

"'*Stable Mukadums.*—Tookaram Zilloo and Raghoo Babaji.

"'*Ward Muccadum.*—Shaik Alli Ismail.

"'*Cemetery Clerk.*—Bane Khan Manwar Khan.'

"That the Health Officer's report for the third quarter of 1893 be also *recorded.*"

Amendment, proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham, seconded by R. H. Vincent, Esq.—

"That the resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 9448, dated 20th December 1893, and the Health Officer's report for the third quarter of last year be *recorded.*

No. 11645.

"That, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the expenditure of a sum not exceeding, in the aggregate, one month's pay to each of the following officers and servants of the Health Department :—

"*Inspectors.*—Glover, Hallams, Desmier, Powell, Ringrow, Dawes, and DeSouza.

"*Sub-Inspectors.*—Webb, Harris, Mowforth, and Kanoba Bahiroba.

"*Stable Mukadums.*—Tookaram Zillo and Raghoo Babaji.

"*Ward Mukadum.*—Shaik Alli Ismail.

"*Cemetery Clerk.*—Bane Khan Manwar Khan."

Rider, proposed by Rai-Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

"That the thanks of the Corporation be communicated to Mr. H. A. Acworth, Municipal Commissioner, Surg.-Lt.-Col. T. S. Weir, Health Officer, Mr. J. Leask, Assistant Health Officer, and Mr. Hewett, Engineer, Love Grove pumping station, for the valuable services they rendered during the late riots."

The rider was accepted as part of the amendment by the Hon'ble Mr. Oxenham.

Mr. Dinshaw E. Wacha raised the point of order whether such a proposal as that now before the Corporation could be discussed in connection with the question of recording the Health Officer's report.

The President ruled that the motion was in order.

On a division, the amendment was *carried*, the votes being 29 *for* and 1 *against*.

Proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—"Resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 9452, dated 20th December 1893, as under :—'That the following be forwarded to the Corporation, with reference to their Resolution No. 5497, dated 11th September last :—Memorandum No. 17073, dated 20th November 1893, from the Commissioner, reporting on the subject of the construction of unpaved footpaths on a better specification.'"

No. 11646.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Kharshedji N. Wadya, Esq.—

"That, in reply to their letter to the President, dated 25th August 1893, Messrs. S. S. Bottlewalla, L. M. & S., Manekji Kaka and other residents of Currey and DeLisle Roads be informed that the Corporation are unable to sanction a private market at Currey Road, but that steps are being taken to provide a Municipal market in the locality."

No. 11647.

Carried.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Kharshedji N. Wadya, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner be requested to submit plans and estimates for putting up punkhas in the Council Hall."

The motion was seconded by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq.

The proposal was *lost*, the votes being 3 *for* it, and 17 *against* it.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by Cowasjee Hosmusjee, Esq.—

No. 11649. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 9643, dated 27th December last, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 975, from savings in the revised estimates for the new works at Love Grove, sanctioned by the Corporation in their resolution No. 3694, dated 17th July last, to meet the cost of an electric light installation at the new engine house."

The motion was seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq., and

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 19866 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 27*th December* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to Corporation's Resolution No. 12240 of 16th February 1893, I have the honour to submit reports from the Executive Engineer and Health Officer on the working of Garlick's Incinerator, erected on the site of the old Beehive Destructor near the Workshops. I beg to say at the outset, with reference to para. 5 of the resolution, that in my judgment the experiment has been successful, and that Messrs. Garlick & Co. are fairly entitled to the consequence provided for in para. 7, *viz.*, that the incinerator be purchased by the Municipality.

2. The incinerator commenced burning kutchra on 2nd August. The Executive Engineer's department commenced taking observations on 19th idem. The average duty done was 46½ tons daily of wet kutchra in the rains and 66 tons of dry kutchra after the rains. There are three furnaces, and in their letter of 1st November 1892 the Agents, Messrs. William Watson & Co., for the Patentees, stated that each would be capable of burning from 10 to 12 tons of refuse daily. These anticipations have therefore not only been verified but exceeded, and in the dry season exceeded by 100 per cent.

3. The Health Officer states that the cost of consumption was in the month of October Re. 0-2-5 per cart. The Executive

Engineer shows that it would cost Rs. 700 per month to work the incinerator, which would come, on the basis of monthly consumption as observed, to 2·83 and 4·01 annas per cart of dry and wet kutchra respectively. I may mention that I have this day requested, from the Standing Committee and Corporation, confirmation of orders which I have given to employ 20 extra carts at a cost of Rs. 697-8 per month for removing refuse to the Flats while work at the incinerator is suspended. The cost of 20 carts is thus almost the same as that of working an incinerator capable of consuming from 90 to 130 cart-loads. If, instead of removing the kutchra to the Flats which are now nearly filled up, it had to be removed to Coorla, the comparison would be still more favourable to the incinerator.

4. The Patentees, I believe, claim that their furnaces have generated a heat of from 1,500° to 2,000°, and their assertion is supported by the fact that their pyrometer, regulated to register 1,500° of heat, was at last fused in the furnace. I have myself seen it register 1,200°. It was still rising, but the index-pointer was stopped by ash which prevented its further movement. With a heat of even 1,000° the Health Officer remarks that the destruction, and he thinks the innocuous destruction, of any matter, however sodden, is possible.

5. Particular attention is requested to the Health Officer's para. 3 in which he deals with the question of nuisance from smoke. In spite of what has appeared in the newspapers, and of complaints I have myself received from the School of Art (but from no other quarter), I believe the smoke nuisance to be less than that from an ordinary factory chimney, *i.e.*, I believe there is much less smoke, and that it is less offensive. The Health Officer has analysed the smoke from the incinerator and informed me that he was surprised at the almost total absence of organic impurity in the vapours from the chimney. The heat generated is, I understand, far more than sufficient to consume all noxious gases.

6. The Executive Engineer reports that "the workmanship "of the furnaces and their fittings are good and suitable for the "purpose. The three furnaces as erected are fully worth Rs. 15,000, "fifty per cent. of which has been already paid to Messrs. Garlick. "If it be eventually decided to take over the furnaces, there would "be no objection to pay Messrs. Garlick the balance of Rs. 7,500, "provided the drying grate which has been removed be replaced "or a revolving grid provided in its stead." That Officer further

on mentions the cause of the removal of the drying grate, *viz.*, its having been twisted and partially fused owing to the great heat to which it was exposed. He recommends a revolving grid instead, if a greater heat has to be employed, which, however, he does not anticipate. I apprehend, however, that the effect of the heat on the drying grate, which has already been noticed, is sufficient warrant for its being replaced by a revolving grid, provided Messrs. Garlick, whose opinion I would wish to have, approve of the change.

7. Subject to the replacement of the drying grate, there can be no hesitation on my part in recommending the payment to Messrs. Garlick of the further sum of Rs. 7,500 and to the incinerator being taken over. The amount can be met out of surplus cash balance.

Reserved in the Budget Estimates for the year 1894-95 for probable extra grants up to the end of 1893-94					Rs.	1,28,650	0 0
Deduct—							
Amount of grants already sanctioned excluding temporary advance to be adjusted hereafter ...	Rs.	21,176	0	0			
Expenditure recommended for sanction	„	85,142	5	5			
					„	1,06,318	5 5
					Available Rs....	22,331	10 7

I further request sanction to the monthly charges stated by the Executive Engineer in his 14th para., which are as under :—

27 Coolies at 10 each	Rs.	270
3 Muccadums at 15 each	„	45
3 Third Class Engineers at 40 each	„	120
12 Tons of Coal at 18 per ton	„	216
Oil, Waste, &c.	„	25
Repairs	„	24
	Rs.	700

During the current year they can be met out of savings in the Health Department Budget, II, labour, scavengering, feed of bullocks. For the coming year they must be included in the Budget. The Executive Engineer mentions some minor improvements which will be required, but with regard to them I will submit a separate report when sanction to taking over the incinerator has been obtained. The Health Officer refers to the future erection of a larger incinerator at Nowroji Hill, and the success of this experiment enables me to hope that I shall be able to submit proposals to that end.

8. The Municipality and the Patentees are to be congratulated on the great success which has attended the experiment made by the latter.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH,
Commissioner.

No. 12937 of 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 20*th December* 1893.

FROM MUNCHERJEE C. MURZBAN, ESQ.,
Executive Engineer, Bombay Municipality,

TO THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—With reference to your No. 17755, dated 28th November 1893, I have the honour to report that the Garlick's Incinerator, put up in the compound of the Municipal Workshops by the Patentees under their contract, dated 9th June 1893, with the Municipal Commissioner, commenced burning the kutchra from 19th August 1893, and continued to do so until the 6th instant, with a short interruption, due to the dispute which the Patentee had with Mr. Harrington of Calcutta.

2. The average duty of the three furnaces has been 93 cart-loads or 46½ tons of kutchra per day in wet weather, and 132 cart-loads or 66 tons of kutchra in dry weather.

3. The workmanship of the furnaces and their fittings are good and suitable for the purpose. The three furnaces as erected are fully worth Rs. 15,000, fifty per cent. of which has already been paid to Mr. Garlick. If it be eventually decided to take over the furnaces, there would be no objection to pay Mr. Garlick the balance of Rs. 7,500, provided the dry grate which has been removed is replaced, or a revolving grid provided in its stead.

4. The residue remaining after combustion consists of 9 per cent. of inorganic matter, not liable to any decomposition and suitable for filling in tanks or levelling up irregular ground.

5. I cannot state authoritatively the quantity of heat developed by the incineration of kutchra in these furnaces; but according to Mr. Garlick, the temperature of the furnaces has been sometimes noted as high as 1,500° F. by the pyrometer.

6. The twisted and partially fused state of the framework and bars of the drying grate, which had to be removed from the furnace in consequence, however, shows that the maximum desirable temperature has been reached and even exceeded, and that if any higher temperature has to be employed, a revolving grid for drying the kutchra will have to be used instead of the bars above mentioned. It is not, however, probable that a higher temperature will be needed, as that already observed is ample for the destruction of all noxious matters, if steadily maintained.

7. Bombay kutchra, on account of its constitution, requires very careful stoking when burnt in a furnace. The presence of large quantities of damp straw and vegetable refuse, and the absence of coal cinders that form such a large proportion of the English kutchra, causes the Bombay refuse to lie in close masses in a fire, thereby retarding the entry of air that is necessary for its combustion. The Bombay kutchra must, therefore, lie in thinner layers and be more carefully spread on the fire-grate to obtain uniform combustion.

8. Uniform combustion is the only way of preventing the escape of unburnt gases. Absence of uniform combustion at any time would lead to the escape of unburnt gases from the chimney, in spite of the provisions that have been made to prevent them.

9. This point of completeness of combustion in the furnaces is a very important one. They should, therefore, be tested from time to time in order to ascertain the maximum safe quantity of kutchra that can be burnt without giving rise to a discharge of noxious gases from the top of the chimney. This quantity, whatever it may amount to, should be taken as the capacity of the furnaces in wet and in dry weather respectively.

10. The large amount of water that has to be evaporated before the kutchra will burn produces an atmosphere in the furnace that is most prejudicial to good combustion, and demands that a much larger quantity of air should pass through the fire than that necessary to support combustion. In this way the vapour is diluted, for pure steam would extinguish the fire. All this air and vapour of water have to be heated up to the temperature of combustion and have thus a very cooling effect on the fire. Moreover, as the rate of combustion of kutchra per square foot of grate is less than that of coal or wood, a forced draught is used to obtain the maximum rate of work.

11. To meet the above requirements, *i.e.*, supply to the furnaces large quantities of hot air, the heated air-blast is used in Mr. Garlick's Incinerator, the heat from the waste product of combustion being utilized for the purpose.

12. As the maximum duty of the furnaces in question, situated within the city, can only be decided on a complete analysis of the products of combustion passing into the air, it is advisable that this question should receive a satisfactory solution at the hands of the Health Officer.

13. The accompanying statement, marked A, gives (*a*) the quantity of kutchra consumed each day, and (*b*) the quantity of ashes produced by the incineration of kutchra from 19th August to 30th November 1893. Assuming that the full strength of the rainy season extends up to 15th September, it would be observed from the statement that each furnace is capable of consuming on an average 31 cart-loads or 15½ tons of wet refuse and 44 cart-loads or 22 tons of dry refuse. The statement also shows that, on

an average, 9 cart-loads of ashes are produced by the incineration of 100 cart-loads of kutchra.

14. It is necessary for the economical working of the furnaces that they should be worked night and day, in three watches of 8 hours each. For each of the three furnaces now under consideration, a gang, working for 8 hours, consisting of 9 Coolies, 1 Muccadum and 1 Third Class Engineer, will be required. Besides this labour, 12 tons of coal will be required per month. The monthly working expenses of the three furnaces would, therefore, be Rs. 700 as detailed below :—

	Rs.
27 Coolies at Rs. 10 per month each	270
3 Maccadums at Rs. 15 each	45
3 Third Class Engineers at Rs. 40 each	120
12 tons of Coal at Rs. 18 per ton	216
Oil, Waste, &c.	25
Repairs	25
	701
Monthly working expenses, say, Rs. 700	

15. The quantity of wet kutchra that could be consumed in a month being 3×31×30 days=2,790 cart-loads, and that of dry kutchra being 3×44×30 days=3,960 cart-loads. The average cost of consuming a cart-load of dry and a cart-load of wet kutchra will be 2·83 and 4·01 annas respectively.

16. On the whole, I am of opinion that the incinerator satisfactorily consumes both dry and wet kutchra and should be taken over by the Municipality.

17. The following additional works will, however, have to be executed by the Municipality to secure greater convenience and economy in working the incinerator :—

(1) An ashpit built of brick masonry with a paved floor, with an approach to the incinerator to facilitate the cartage of ashes, &c.

(2) A roof over the ashpit, the furnaces, and the space in front of the furnaces where the kutchra is first deposited.

(3) A compound wall with a gate round the incinerator.

(4) Removal of the bullock-stable in front of the incinerator.

(5) An inclined road leading from Paltan Road to the incinerator to enable the carts to tip directly into the refuse shoot.

18. An estimate of the cost of doing these works will be prepared and submitted in due course.—I have, &c.,

M. C. MURZBAN,
Executive Engineer, Municipality.

A

STATEMENT of work done by Garlick's Incinerator erected in the Compound of the Municipal Workshops.

Date.		Quantity of kutchra burnt in 24 hours. Cart-loads.	Quantity of the residue of kutchra after burning in. Cart-loads.	REMARKS.
August	19	110	.....	
	20	128	.....	
	21	105	.....	
	22	93	.....	
	23	100	.....	
	24	95	.....	
	25	105	.....	
	26	75	.....	
	27	87	.....	
	28	103	.....	
	29	33	.....	
	30	103	.....	
	31	80	.....	
September....	1	58	.....	
	2	90	.....	
	3	71	.....	
	4	102	.....	
	5	102	.....	
	6	75	.....	
	7	88	.....	
	8	77	.....	
	9	.....	.....	Furnaces were cleaned.
	10	60	11	
	11	112	11	
	12	120	9	
	13	120	10	
	14	108	9	
	15	109	10	
		2,509		
	16	119	11	
*	*	*	*	* Furnaces stopped on account of some legal difficulties from the 17th September to the 9th of October 1893.
October	10	110	11	
	11	142	12	
	12	135	11	
	13	127	12	
	14	139	12	
	15	122	14	
	16	152	16	
	17	99	24	
	18	123	22	
	19	150	12	
	20	139	24	
	21	148	24	
	22	102	24	
	23	140	22	
	24	172	39	
Carried over.		2,119	350	

Date.		Quantity of kutchra burnt in 24 hours. Cart-loads.	Quantity of the residue of kutchra after burning in Cart-loads.	REMARKS.
Brought over		2,119	350	
October	25	117	16	
	26	.....	.....	Furnaces stopped working on account of certain cracks in the walls, which were filled up and the furnaces secured with iron braces and ties.
	27	.....	.....	
	28	.....	.....	
	29	.....	.....	
	30	.....	.....	
	31	.....	.....	
November ...	1	.....	.....	
	2	.....	.....	
	3	.....	.....	
	4	.....	.....	
	5	36*	.....	* In calculating the capacity of the furnace to burn dry kutchra, this figure has been omitted as the furnace was only re-started on this day.
	6	124	.....	
	7	113		
	8	108		
	9	.....	75	
	10	140		
	11	140		
	12	90		
	13	143	16	
	14	133	.....	
	15	140	16	
	16	169	16	
	17	164	16	
	18	167	17	
	19	.....	.....	Work stopped for cleaning the boiler.
	20	.....	.....	
	21	137	15	
	22	73	16	
	23	142	12	
	24	137	16	
	25	146	16	
	26	86	9	
	27	120	14	
	28	120	14	
	29	120	16	
	30	121	15	
		5,105	665	*As per last page.
		36*		
		5,069		

FOOT-NOTE.—Average consumption of kutchra per furnace per day :—

Wet kutchra $\frac{2509}{27 \times 3}$ = 31 cart-loads nearly.

Dry kutchra $\frac{5069}{39 \times 3}$ = 44 „ „ „

Average quantity of ashes from 100 cart-loads of kutchra incinerate

$\frac{66500}{7614}$ = 9 nearly.

M. C. MURZBAN,
Executive Engineer.

No. 27968 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *21st December* 1893.

To THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—With reference to your letter No. 17754 of the 23rd November 1893, I have the honor to submit the report on the working of the Garlick's incinerator. The incinerator commenced working on the 2nd August 1893. It is not necessary for me to describe its construction with which you, having frequently inspected it, are well acquainted. The incinerator commenced work from the 2nd August 1893, and it has been in use up to the 6th instant.

2. The daily average consumption in the month of August came to 70 carts. In the month of November the average daily consumption for the days on which the incinerator was fully working came to 132 cart-loads. The secret of the success of the incinerator has been the hot blast, and in consequence the high temperature over 1,000° secured; there is no doubt, with the high temperature obtained in the incinerator, the destruction, and I think the innocuous destruction, of any matter, however sodden, is possible.

3. I do not look upon the vapours from the chimney as a nuisance. In estimating a nuisance from smoke, the nuisance from factories must be taken as the standard. Judged by the standard of factories, I do not consider that there was a nuisance from the incinerator. So great is the heat of combustion in the cells that the excess heat could, I think, be used for a disinfecting chamber. There are improvements in the construction for feeding the cells, which might be adopted in the construction if permanently kept in use. I think a much larger incinerator and a more permanently constructed work should be erected on the east of the city near Nowroji Hill; under my No. 20020 of 1893-94 I recommended this.

4. The cost* of incineration of kutchra per cart came to Re. 0-2-5 during the month of October, which was a fair average month.

The whole thing so far is experimental, but I think it has been successful and encouraging.—I have, &c.,

T. S. WEIR,
Health Officer.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"That the Commissioner's report No. 19866, dated 27th December 1893, on the subject of Messrs. Garlick's Incinerator be *recorded*."

No. 11650.

* Based on the establishment employed.

"That the Commissioner's proposals therein made be approved, the incinerator taken over by the Municipality, and the sum of Rs. 7,500, being the second moiety of the value of the incinerator, be paid to Messrs. Garlick.

"That the Corporation will be prepared, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, to sanction the establishment stated by the Commissioner to be required for working the incinerator."

The motion was seconded by Brigade-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Banks and *carried*.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, 5*th February* 1894.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASAR DADABHOY MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FAZULBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSONDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWANDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st instant were signed.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 11910. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 1026, dated 18th January 1894, from the Secretary, Joint Schools Committee, stating that at a meeting of the Committee, held on the 10th idem, the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the year ending 31st December 1894."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq.—

No. 11911. "That the President be requested to inform Government, in reply to letter No. 257, General Department, dated 23rd January 1894, from Mr. Acting

Chief Secretary Vidal, that the Corporation concur in the appointment of Mr. F. W. Stevens, F.R.I.B.A., A.M.I.C.E., M.S.A., C.I.E., as the person appointed to fix the rateable value of the buildings and lands in the City of Bombay vesting in Her Majesty, and consent to pay (1) a moiety of the cost of remuneration to be paid to Mr. Stevens, such moiety not to exceed in any case Rs. 2,500, and (2) half the charges for printing the award. That the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the necessary outlay on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

First Amendment moved by K. M. Shroff, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That the President be requested to inform Government that the Corporation consider the sum of Rs. 1,000 sufficient as their moiety towards the payment to be made to Mr. Stevens for the re-valuation of Government property, as the work will not present the same difficulties, nor occupy as much time as on the last occasion, matters of principle having been settled and a complete list being available on which to proceed."

Second Amendment moved by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by Ardasir Framji Unwalla, Esq.—

"That the Corporation concur in the appointment of Mr. Stevens for the purpose of fixing the rateable value of buildings and lands in this City vested in Her Majesty's Secretary of State, but respectfully submit that, under the Act, they are not liable to pay for the cost of Mr. Stevens' remuneration."

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as follows :—

	For.	*Against.*
Second amendment	2	27 *Lost.*
First amendment	4	26 *Lost.*
Motion	26	4 *Carried.*

On the application of the Commissioner, the President, with the consent of the meeting, gave priority to item No. 8 as follows :—

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 14,650, from savings in the grant for streets and buildings, D, road repairs and maintenance, to

No. 11912.

same head, sections I and V, to meet excess on the latter sections, due to the purchase of metal, sandstone, brushing machines and other materials for road repairs."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

No. 11913. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 10158, dated 10th January 1894, sanction be given, as a special case, to the payment of compassionate allowance to Bai Cuverbai, widow of Mr. Pestonji Ardasir Moos, late Inspector in the Water Works Department, who died of strangulated hernia on 10th November last, his disease having, according to Dr. Parakh's certificate, been aggravated, if not brought on, by the deceased's unusual exertions for two or three nights previous, in connection with fires.

"That the amount of the allowance be Rs. 1,500, to the debit of surplus cash balance."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 11914. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 10592, dated 17th January 1894, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 2,000, from surplus cash balance, to meet the further cost of printing and reporting the proceedings of the House Connections Committee and the printing of the Committee's report."

Carried.

The President expunged item No. 5 of the agenda paper, as the amount therein referred to is included in item No. 18.

Proposed by Cawasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luxmon Singh—

No. 11915. "That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 600, from savings in the grant for IV, streets and buildings, A, I, outdoor establishment, to general department, section 4, advertisements and contingencies; and streets and buildings, section 2, advertisements and contingencies, to meet excess consequent on cost of removal of office furniture and records to the New Municipal Office."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their Resolution No. 10160, dated 10th January 1894, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 2,990, from surplus cash balance, to provide for the cost of repairing and re-erecting the gates of the Elphinstone Circle Garden.

No. 11916.

"That the Corporation concur with the Standing Committee in the opinion that it is a matter for grave censure on the responsible officers concerned, that the gates were allowed, through gross carelessness, to rust during a period of seven years and to become damaged."

The motion was *carried*, the votes being 12 *for* and 7 *against* it.

At 5 o'clock the meeting adjourned, and the President fixed Monday, 12th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, *5th February* 1894.

AT the Special Meeting of the Corporation called for the final consideration of the draft By-laws under section 461 (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*), (*j*) and (*p*) of the Municipal Act, held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L.M. & S.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MAHOMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL, VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The President informed the Corporation that a petition, addressed to himself and the members generally, was received, on the 27th ultimo, from Messrs. Chapsi, Bhimji Thakar, Sorabji Hormasji, and other firewood merchants of Bombay, offering certain objections to the draft By-laws. This petition was referred, under the standing rule, to the Standing Committee, and a report on the subject was awaited from the Health Officer.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chabildas, Esq.—

"That the consideration of the draft By-laws, be postponed until after the conclusion of the business of the ordinary monthly meeting for February, and that the petition from Messrs. Chapsi, Bhimji Thakar, Sorabji Hormasji, and other firewood merchants of Bombay, be distributed to Councillors in the meantime."

No. 11917.

Carried.

BOMBAY, 12*th February* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 5th instant, and adjourned from that day) held this day there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAISHANKER NANABHAI, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P., (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH: NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C. I. E.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting, held on the 5th instant, were signed.

A letter was received from Mr. A. G. Viegas, stating that he was unable to be present on account of domestic affliction.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.,—

"That item No. 9 (cost of electric light installation at the new engine house at Love Grove), be *struck out* of the agenda paper, the grant in question having been sanctioned by the Corporation, on the 1st instant."

No. 12136.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao N. Vasudeo, Esq.,—

"That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 3,000, from savings in the grant for establishment, for

No. 12137.

small-pox and cholera hospitals, to the grant for infectious diseases, special measures, to meet excess on the latter head, due to extra expenditure which had to be incurred on account of the unhealthy condition of the City during the months of May and June last."

Carried.

The Commissioner, under the terms of section 36 (*l*) of the Municipal Act, asked the meeting to consider as urgent business, in connection with item 11 on the agenda paper, the resolution of the Standing Committee No. 11955, dated 7th instant, and the application was granted.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

No. 12138. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 9648, dated 27th December 1893, sanction be given to the monthly expenditure of Rs. 697-8-0, to the debit of savings in the grant for 2, labour, scavengering, feed of bullocks, Health Department budget, to meet the cost of 20 extra carts for the removal of refuse in connection with the working of Garlick's Incinerator.

"2. That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 11955, dated 7th instant, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 700 per mensem, to meet the cost of establishment for working the incinerator as follows :—

27 Coolies at Rs. 10 each, Rs. 270 per month ; 3 Mukadums at Rs. 15 each, Rs. 45 per month ; 3 Third class engineers at Rs. 40 each, Rs. 120 per month ; 12 tons coal at Rs. 18 per ton, Rs. 216 per month ; Oil, Waste, &c., Rs. 25 per month ; Repairs, &c., Rs. 24 per month : total Rs. 700.

The charges for the current year to be met from the savings as above.

"That the second resolution of the Standing Committee, on this subject, No. 10165, dated 10th January 1894, be *withdrawn*."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by R. H. Vincent, Esq.,—

No. 12139. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 96471, dated 27th December 1893, sanction be given (1) to the erection of a "Silchar" incinerator on Government ground, on the right hand side of old Sewri Road, at a

cost of Rs. 1,047, (including royalty), to the debit of savings on the grant for earth for covering cutchra deposits, and (2) to the leasing, on a monthly tenancy from Government, 484 square yards, or thereabout, of ground thereat, for the construction of the incinerator, at a rental of 9 pies per square yard per annum, (Rs. 22-11-0), to the debit of savings in the contingent grant, Health Department Budget.

"That the Commissioner be asked to report on the working of the incinerator 9 months after its completion."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. Cotton, Esq.,—

No. 12140. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 11026, dated 24th January 1894, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 295, out of the grant for House Connections, First Drainage section, to meet the cost of connecting the house of Mr. Shantaram Narayan Dabholkar, 17, Kalbadevi Road, with the municipal sewer thereat."

Carried.

Read letter No. 30929, dated 23rd ultimo, from the Health Officer, to the Commissioner as under :—

SIR,—With reference to your No. 18088 of the 2nd ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I certainly think it is practicable ; it is only a question of selecting a tank in a suitable locality and of letting water in from Tansa, Vehar or Tulsi and taking it out by one of the sewers. It has been forgotten that the tanks at Hindu Temples are all baths and are used not by one or two but by thousands of people for bathing in ; (2) the practical course is to grant a certain sum, say Rs. 1,000, and let the Commissioner do the best he can with it. (3) I suggest the Baboola Tank or the Gowalia Tank.—I have, &c., T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 22767 OF 25*th January* 1894.

Forwarded to the Corporation, with reference to their resolution No. 8552 of 27*th November* 1893.—H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Fardunji N. Bisni, Esq.—

"That, with reference to the Corporation's Resolution No. 8552, dated 27th November 1893, as per margin, the proposal contained in the Health Officer's letter to the Commissioner, No. 30929, dated 23rd ultimo, forwarded with the Commissioner's memorandum No. 22767, dated 25th idem, sanction be now given to the conversion of the Baboola Tank into a swimming bath, regard being had to the following conditions: (*a*) the alteration of the existing sluice valve to a lower level so as to admit of the sewers connected therewith being flushed with the waste water of the bath; (*b*) the admission of sufficient fresh pipe water to produce a current in the tank water; (*c*) the construction of six dressing wooden boxes; (*d*) the purchase of a sufficient number of life-belts; (*e*) the engaging of the service of a swimming master.

No. 12141.

"That the attention of the Municipal Commissioner be drawn to the suggestion made by the Health Officer contained in his first Quarterly Report of 1893, which is as follows:—

"'With so much water running to waste, the time has come to consider whether some of the water could not be used to a purpose, whether some of the ancient tanks, at one time works of great charity, could not be made into swimming baths. It is very desirable that the Municipality should, as a health measure, construct baths open to all classes and free of all charge, not only in the City but on the foreshore.'

"And that the Commissioner be requested to favour the Corporation with a report as to—

"(1) Whether it is practicable to so utilise public tanks in Bombay.

"(2) To estimate the cost of converting one of such tanks into a swimming bath as an experiment."

"That the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the expenditure of such sum as may be recommended by the Standing Committee for the purpose of defraying the cost of this scheme for the ensuing year.

"That the Health Officer's Report No. 30929, dated 23rd ultimo, be *recorded*."

The motion was *lost*, the votes being 4 *for* and 20 *against*.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by K. M. Shroff, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 10171, dated 10th January 1894, sanction be given to the writing off of Rs. 2,590-10-0, from the Live Stock Return of the Health Department, being the book value of 39 bullocks that died and 1 that was destroyed, during the quarter ending 30th November 1893."

No. 12142.

Carried (with one dissentient).

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 11016, dated 24th January 1894, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 40,264, for the work of covering the floors of the vaults under the filters of the Malabar Hill Reservoir with 1″ of Indian patent stone and repointing the walls up to the springing arches with the same material. The amount to be debited to the provision of Rs. 75,000, entered in the Loan Works Budget for 1893-94, against the head 'Further alteration and improvements at Malabar Hill Reservoir.'

No. 12143.

"That a report be furnished to the Corporation after the completion of the work as to the result of the expenditure."

Carried by 11 votes *against* 8 votes.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Vandrawandas Purshotumdas, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their Resolution No. 11017, dated 24th January 1894, sanction be given, under section 67 (*b*) of the Municipal Act, to the grant of Rs. 160, from surplus cash balance, to meet the cost of connecting the Water Engineer's bungalow with the telephone system between Chinchpokli, Sion, Pawai, Ghatkopar and Bhandup."

No. 12144.

Rider proposed by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

"That, in the event of the Water Engineer changing his residence, the cost of connecting the same with telephone as above, be paid by himself."

The rider was accepted as part of the original motion which, as thus amended, was *carried.*

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by R. H. Vincent, Esq.—

"That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 2,450, from savings in the grant for A, Victoria Gardens, section II, feed of animals, to section II, contingencies, to meet excess on the latter head due to the purchase of medicines, instruments and appliances for the treatment of the animals at the gardens and for the purchase of hose and garden implements."

No. 12145.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Anandrao Narayan Vasudeo, Esq.—

"That the Corporation approve, under section 133 (2) of the Municipal Act, of the transfer of Rs. 600, from savings in the Health Department Budget, conservancy branch, II, labour, B, surface drain cleaning, to Municipal Commissioner's office establishment, section III, contingencies, &c., and printing, to meet excess on the latter head."

No. 12146.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee, in their resolution No. 11015, dated 24th January 1894, sanction be given to the leasing by the Commissioner for a period of 2 years, from the Trustees of the Pinjrapol, of the ground floor of the Pinjrapol Committee's office building, for occupancy by stall-holders of the Bhuleshwar Market, during the process of pulling down and rebuilding the Market, on the following terms :—

No. 12147.

'1. That the rent for the whole of the said ground floor, be Rs. 500 per month free and clear of all Municipal rates and taxes, including water and halalkhor rates, which shall be borne by the Municipality (and which will amount to Rs. 77½ per month).

'2. That the stalls for the market be erected by the Municipality, and at the expiration of the lease, be removed at Municipal expense.

'3 That the western and the middle walls of the said Trustees' building, be removed by the Trustees and re-erected by them at the expiration of the lease at their own expense.

'4. That the Trustees at their own expense enclose the western boundary of their building by corrugated iron sheets.'

"That the rent (Rs. 500 per mensem) of the premises, the removal, re-erection and repair of stalls (Rs. 2,000), and Municipal taxes (Rs. 930 for one year), be debited to unappropriated balances."*

Carried.

The meeting adjourned and the President fixed Monday, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

* On the proposal of Mr. Dinsha E. Wacha the words "unappropriated balances" were inserted in place of the words "available balances to be reported hereafter."

BOMBAY, 19*th February* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 5th instant, and adjourned from the 12th idem), held this day, there were present—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq., B.A.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O.'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GRATTAN GEARY, Esq.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASSAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq.; M.D., B.A., B.SC.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq, C.I.E.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S.; Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th instant, were signed.

In accordance with the terms of the Standing Committee's Resolution No. 12232, dated 14th instant, the Chairman of the Committee asked the President to consider the resolution as "urgent business."

It was agreed that the matter in question be considered as "urgent business" and it was—

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Banks—

No. 12435.

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 12232, dated 14th instant, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 500 to the debit of the Garden Fund, to meet the expenses to be incurred by the officer of the Calcutta Zoological Society in attending in Bombay to advise the Committee appointed by the Corporation on the 25th ultimo, as per margin,

"That a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen be appointed to consider and report on the question of the proposed improvement of the zoological collection in the Victoria Gardens:—Dr. Banks, Dr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Mr. Rebsch, Mr. Shroff, Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Dr. Katrak, Dr. Maconachie, the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, and the Commissioner.

regarding the proposed improvement of the zoological collection of the gardens."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik,—

No. 12436. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 11019, dated 24th January 1894, sanction be given (1) to the leasing, from the Port Trust, of 4,000 square yards, or thereabout, of land situate between Cambay and Bassein Streets, for a period not exceeding 15 months, at a rental of Rs. 504 per mensem, for the construction thereon of temporary chawls for bigaris of the Health Department, pending the building of their chawls at Bori Bunder, as sanctioned by the Corporation's resolution No. 12246 of 16th February 1893; (2) to the construction of the temporary chawls at a cost of Rs. 3,268 as per details submitted with the Commissioner's letter No. 22211, dated 19th January 1894. This amount, together with the rent of the land for the first month, being debitable to unappropriated surplus balance."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 22639 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *23rd January 1894.*

THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—The Corporation are aware that the new Fire Brigade station at Mahim has been erected on a part of a very little used public garden. I have ascertained since the building was complete that this garden is held on a 99 years' lease from Government at a nominal rent of one rupee, and that the lease provides that the ground shall not be diverted to any other purpose without the sanction of the lessor. I addressed Government on the subject in my letter No. 18172 of 4th December 1893 (copy enclosed) and received in reply Government Resolution No. 353, Revenue Department, of 15th instant. Government propose to charge rent for the area (506·18 square yards) occupied by the fire station at 16 pies a square yard, equal to Rs. 42-2-8 per annum. It is evident that we have no option but to accept the terms which are reasonable, and the rent must be charged annually in the Fire Brigade Budget. I have the honor to request the sanction of the Corporation to the terms.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Lands, Bombay.

No. 353.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 15th January 1894.

Letter from the Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, Bombay, No. L.R.—2462, dated 19th December 1893—Forwarding the following letter from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, No. 18172, dated 4th idem :—

"I have the honor to state that in September 1891 the Municipal Corporation sanctioned my proposals for building new Fire Brigade stations and quarters for the staff in the different parts of the city at a cost of Rs. 4½ lakhs, and in this scheme I proposed to build one of the stations at Máhim. Plans and estimates for building them, including that at Máhim, were accordingly prepared in the Engineer's office, and the stations are being built in accordance with them. The station at Máhim is built in ground occupied as a municipal garden, and when the plans were prepared for building this station and the contract let, it was thought that the land belonged to the Municipality, and no reference was therefore made to Government. The station was completed in October last, and has been occupied by the Fire Brigade staff from 2nd ultimo.

"It now appears from the Collector's letter No. L. R.—2191, dated 28th ultimo, addressed to the Executive Engineer, Municipality, copy of which has been forwarded to me by the latter, that the site on which the station is built forms part of land granted to the Municipality on a 90 years' lease for a public garden on payment of a nominal rent of Re. 1 per annum, Government Resolution No. 774, dated 9th February 1875, Revenue Department, and that it cannot be diverted to any use other than the garden without the sanction of the Secretary of State, his successors or assigns.

"I regret that this fact was not brought to my notice by the Engineer when the plans and estimates were submitted for approval, as I should, of course, have applied for Government sanction. My attention has been drawn to it for the first time to-day.

"The ground occupied by the station measures about 506·18 square yards, and the cost of constructing it has been Rs. 6,180.

"Under the circumstances, I trust that Government will allow the occupation to continue."

The Collector stating as follows :—

"I have the honor to state that, as the land in question has been utilized in building a Fire Brigade station, it can no longer be held to be included in the lease for the public garden which pays Government a nominal rent of rupee one for three

acres of land. If Government think fit to allow the Municipality to occupy the ground, I think the full rent payable on the land should be demanded. The land is valued at Rs. 2 the square yard, and therefore the annual rent on a 4 per cent. return basis will be 16 pies the square yard. This on 506 square yards will amount to Rs. 42-2-8. The Municipality should hold the land on a 50 years' lease, renewable for a second term of 50 years at a revised rental. It will be necessary to execute the following documents :—

(1) Surrender of lease, dated 24th August 1875.
(2) Fresh lease for the remaining garden area after deducting the area occupied by the Fire Brigade station.
(3) Fresh lease for the land occupied by the Fire Brigade station.

The Municipality should bear the whole cost of preparing and executing these documents including the stamp and registration fees."

RESOLUTION.—The recommendation made by the Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, Bombay, is sanctioned.

W. L. HARVEY,
Under Secretary to Government.

Proposed by G. Cotton, Esq., seconded by Framji D. Divecha, Esq.,—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 22639, dated 23rd January 1894, sanction be given to the leasing, from Government, of 506·18 square yards, or thereabout, of land occupied by the new fire brigade station at Mahim, at a rent of Rs. 42-2-8 per annum.

No. 12437.

"That the amount of such rent be included annually in the Fire Brigade Budget for future years."

Amendment, moved by A. G. Viegas, Esq., seconded by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.,—

"That sanction be given to the leasing, from Government, of 506·18 square yards of land occupied by the site of the New Fire Brigade station in the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Garden, Mahim, at a rent of Rs. 42-2-8 per annum.

"That a vote of censure be passed on the Municipal officers concerned for neglecting to bring to the notice of the Commissioner the fact that no part of the Garden could, under the lease, be diverted from use as a garden."

After discussion, Mr. Viegas proposed to withdraw the amendment, which was agreed to by 26 votes *against* 21 votes.

The original motion was *carried*.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.,—

No. 12438. "That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 22637, dated 23rd January 1894, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 506 from the grant for house connections, first drainage section, to meet the cost of connecting the houses, Nos. 5 to 9, Dammar Lane Cross Lane, with the Municipal sewer thereat."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.,—

No. 12439. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 11236, dated 26th January 1894, from the Municipal Secretary, reporting budget transfers, sanctioned by the Standing Committee up to 17th idem, amounting to Rs. 1,675."

Carried.

In accordance with notice of motion, Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. S. O'B. Banks called attention to the condition of the bust of Lady Frere in the Victoria Gardens and proposed—"That the bust should be removed to the Victoria Museum for safe custody and that a duplicate bust or memorial vase should replace it in the gardens. (2) That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to report on the probable cost of scheme No. 1, including ornamented railing, a duplicate bust ; No. 2, a memorial vase."

The motion was seconded by W. R. Hamilton, Esq.

Mr. Cowasjee Hormusjee raised the point of order whether Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. S. O'B. Banks could proceed with this motion, as the notice he had given was only for attention to the condition of the bust.

The President ruled that the proposition was in order.

Amendment, proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq., seconded by Nanu Narayan Kothare, Esq.,—

No. 12440. "That the question of the maintenance of Lady Frere's bust be referred to the Commissioner for report as to the best manner in which the monument can be restored, and the probable cost of doing."

On a division, the amendment was *carried*, the votes being 17 *for* and 12 *against*.

The amendment was *carried* as a substantive proposition by 15 votes *against* 3 votes.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.,—

No. 12441. "That the Commissioner be requested to furnish the Corporation with an estimate of the cost of analyses of the air of Bombay for a period of 12 months being supplied to the Corporation at such periods as may, in the opinion of the Health Officer, be desirable."*

The motion was seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., and—

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by E. B. Carroll, Esq.,—

No. 12442. "That the Standing Committee's Resolution No. 9653, dated 27th December 1893, as follows, be *recorded* :—

"'That the following be forwarded to the Corporation, with reference to their Resolution No. 9223, dated 11th instant :—Memorandum No. 18171, dated 4th instant, from the Commissioner, submitting, with reference to the resolution of the Committee, No. 8149, dated 22nd ultimo, a report from the Executive Engineer, and stating that the order for the removal of the rewas was given by the late Commissioner ; adding that it was impossible for any one to foresee either the character of the claim on which the Municipality were defeated or the tergiversation of the witnesses.'"

Carried.

Proposed by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.,—

No. 12443. "That, in reply to their letter No. 278, dated 28th June 1893, the Joint Schools Committee be informed that there is no objection to a plot of Municipal land at Haines Road, measuring 1,136 square yards, being reserved as a site for a vernacular school at Byculla, and that the ground will be sold to the Committee at the rate of Rs. 5 per yard."

Carried.

* The words "for a period of twelve months" were inserted on the suggestion of Mr. Dinshaw E. Wacha.

Considered the following :—

No. 47 OF 1894.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, *9th January* 1894.

TO THE PRESIDENT

OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, Bombay.

SIR,—With reference to my letter No. 1672, dated 12th August 1893, I am directed to forward herewith copy of Government Resolution No. 45, dated 9th January 1894, and to request that for the portion (marginally quoted) of paragraph 7 of Government Resolution No. 1671, dated 12th August 1893, which accompanied the above letter, the following may be substituted :—

"The College, however, is much hampered in giving practical instruction. The Society prohibits operations being performed in its Hospital, and Professors and pupils have in consequence to walk to Siwri Lazaretto. This arrangement is highly inconvenient and conducive to the interests neither of the pupils in the College nor of the patients in the Hospital. The animals to be operated upon have to be taken to the Lazaretto and brought back to the Hospital—a journey of nearly 3 miles. His Excellency in Council is constrained to remark that the action of the Society which prohibits operations for the relief of suffering animals being performed within the Hospital premises is hardly consistent with the professed object of the Society."

"The College, however, is much hampered in giving practical instruction. The Society prohibits castration being performed in its Hospital, and Professors and pupils have in consequence to walk to Siwri Lazaretto. This arrangement is highly inconvenient and conducive to the interests neither of the pupils of the College nor of the animals to be operated on, which have to be taken to the Lazaretto and brought back to the Hospital—a journey of nearly three miles."—I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 45 OF 1894.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 9th January 1894.

Letter to the Principal, Bombay Veterinary College, No. 1793, dated 28th August 1893—Calling his attention to the letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, published in the *Bombay Gazette*, dated 18th August 1893, in which it is stated that the statement in Government Resolution No. 1671, dated 12th August 1893, that the Society prohibits operations being performed in the hospital and Professors and students have to walk to the Siwri Lazaretto, &c., is entirely incorrect; that hundreds of operations on horses, bullocks and dogs have been performed by the staff of the College, and that only the castration of horses is disallowed, inasmuch as the hospital is intended for curative treatment and not for professional practice, &c. Requesting him to explain the discrepancy between it and the statements contained in paragraph 10 of his annual report for 1892-93.

Letter from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Bái Sákarbái Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals, No. 58, dated 22nd June 1893—Submitting a statement of the income and expenditure of the Society since the year 1875, which shows that since 1887 the expenditure of the Society has been more than its income, and the deficit has been made up from the income of the hospital. Stating that the Society desire to employ a larger number of agents to effectually check the overloading of carts which causes frightful cruelty to animals, and that the Society hope that Government will enable them to do it by granting them the whole of the Police fines, as is done at Calcutta and Madras, instead of the moiety.

Letter from the Secretary and Treasurer, Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Bái Sákarbái Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals, No. 74, dated the 15th September 1893—Calling attention to the statement in the last report of the Principal of the Bombay Veterinary College as to the operations on animals being prohibited in the hospital by the Society, and also to paragraph 7 of Government Resolution No. 1671, dated 12th August 1893, based on it, which states that—

> "the College, however, is much hampered in giving practical instruction. The Society prohibits operations being performed in its hospital, and Professors and pupils have in consequence to walk to Siwri Lazaretto. This arrangement is highly inconvenient and conducive to the interests neither of the pupils in the College nor of the patients in the hospital. The animals to be operated upon have to be taken to the Lazaretto and brought back to the hospital—a journey of nearly 3 miles. His Excellency in Council is constrained to remark that the action of the Society which prohibits operations for the relief of suffering animals being performed within the hospital premises is hardly consistent with the professed object of the Society."

Making a statement of facts to show that the statement in question is incorrect. Expressing a hope that the error in paragraph 7 of the Government Resolution may be rectified and the rectification will be given the same publicity as has been given to the Government Resolution, as otherwise the public of Bombay will be left under the erroneous impression that the executive Committee of the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals who direct the management of the hospital is composed of men with such old-fashioned ideas that they never allow any operations on animal patients to be performed, and that consequently many owners of animals who have hitherto so advantageously resorted to the hospital will in future be deterred from sending their animals there for curative treatment.

Letter from the Principal, Bombay Veterinary College, No. 701, dated 16th September 1893—Stating, with reference to Government letter No. 1793, dated 28th August 1893, as follows :—

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"2. I would beg, in the first place, to invite your attention to letter No. 47, dated 17th May 1892, to your address, from the Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and my reply thereto, No. 953 of 16th August 1892. In the former you will find at paragraph 5 the following statement:—'The College expects the hospital to provide subjects for lessons in the dissection-room, while the hospital, out of deference to the views of its supporters, looks upon the practice with horror and disgust. The very existence of the dissection-room within the compound of the hospital is regarded by Hindu visitors with disfavour.' Following on this, the operation of castration was put a stop to, and a horse that came to the hospital for this purpose was removed by order of the Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals without consulting me, which was in strict disobedience to the rules of the hospital, where it is clearly laid down at Rule 8 that 'no patient shall be removed from the hospital without permission of the Superintendent.' I sent a memorandum to the Manager of the hospital on the 1st of June 1892, and on the 2nd wrote to the Secretary, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (*vide* Enclosure No. 1), asking them on what grounds certain horses had been discharged from the hospital without my knowledge. The Manager's reply I append (Enclosure No. 2), where you will observe that he states that 'the hospital is not intended for the practice of castration.' * * * This fact * * * * * is a direct breach of our agreement with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, where it is written that in return for the gratis services of the teachers of the College we are to receive facilities for teaching purposes. I hardly think that the action taken in this instance can be looked upon as facilitating. The Secretary, you will observe, excused himself, in his reply (*vide* Enclosure No. 3) for turning out the first case, that he was informed that the horse was to be destroyed in hospital. Such was not the case—*vide* paragraph 15 of my letter No. 953 of 16th August 1892.

"3. It will be remembered that I addressed Government in my letters Nos. 571 of 4th June 1892 and 687 of 30th June 1892, asking whether I would not be within my rights in performing castration within the walls of the dissecting-room—a Government building—but His Excellency the Governor in Council did not approve of my suggestion; consequently the only means for me to teach this most essential operation was to go to the Siwri Lazaretto, which not only gave me extra labour, but was the cause of considerable cruelty, because of the fact that animals had to come from the Lazaretto to hospital to be dressed, so much so that I had to refuse to operate on several horses, or had to perform the operation outside the College at owners' stables at great inconvenience.

"4. Mr. Shroff's statement in his letter to the *Bombay Gazette* that both major and minor operations are performed

within the hospital is wrong. Such is not the case. There has only been one major operation performed since the correspondence in May 1892, and that was the covered operation for scrotal hernia and was one of dire necessity. This Mr. Shroff saw, but further than opening an occasional abscess, operations were not performed at the College previous to the Secretary's letter appearing in the newspapers.

"5. Then again the dissecting-room being an 'abhorrence' and not being allowed to destroy animals in the hospital for operations on the dead subject, this too has had to be done at Siwri Lazaretto, and, as I have before mentioned in my annual report for 1892-93, twenty-one subjects had to be taken there for destruction and operation during the past year."

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Letter from the Acting Director of Public Instruction, No. 3291, dated 26th September 1893—Submitting the above.

Letter from the Principal, Bombay Veterinary College, No. 823, dated the 18th November 1893.

Letter from the Principal, Bombay Veterinary College, No. 809, dated the 15th November 1893.

"With reference to letter No. 74 of 15th September 1893, from the Secretary to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to your address, forwarded under your memorandum No. 2063 of 28th September 1893, I have the honor to invite your attention to my letter No. 701 of 16th September 1893, which I beg to request you will consider, to an extent, a reply to the letter in question. There are, however, a few points which I feel require further explanation and contradiction from me.

"Paragraph 4 of the Secretary's (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) letter—My statement is quite correct at page 5 of the College report for the year 1892-93, and I could come to no other conclusion than that operations in general had been put a stop to, when I was told that the dissecting and post-mortem rooms were looked upon with horror and disgust, when suffering animals were being turned from the doors of the hospital, although there was ample room inside for them; when Government animals were even refused admission, and prohibitive prices were put upon patients belonging to private individuals. In fact, to my mind a well premeditated policy of obstruction to teaching had, during the earlier part of the year my report includes, been established. Many animals no doubt were operated upon in previous years and before the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals had discovered that operations, post-mortems, &c., were repugnant to the feelings of its supporters; but such has not been the case during 1892-93, and personally I have never operated in the presence of the Secretary since joining as Principal in August 1891. If the hospital is not intended for professional practice, then there must be an end to all clinical facilities, and the hospital being only intended for *curative treatment*, is at once a bar to operations, because, I ask, how many animals come for treatment that can be cured? Very few. It is a well known fact, however, that in many cases where, although cure cannot be effected, much alleviation of suffering could be brought about.

"*Paragraph* 6.—I would beg to refer you to letter No. 47 of 17th May 1892 from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, paragraph 5.

"*Paragraph* 7.—The standing order therein mentioned is not enforced on all occasions, and many animals come and go to the hospital on verbal intimation being given to the Manager.

"*Paragraph* 8.—The horses taken to the Lazaretto ran no risk of infection whatever as they were put in isolated cattle sheds, where no diseased animal had ever been; only four cases of epizootic aphtha have been in the Lazaretto since it was opened and none during the time the horses operated upon were in the Lazaretto, and even if they had been there, no possible harm could come of it, as this disease of the ox is not communicable to the horse. It is not at all likely that I would allow the hospital to run the slightest risk in this direction, so the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals may keep themselves at perfect ease on this point.

"2. I may mention that this subject was reported upon by the Board of Examiners for 1893—*vide* their report forwarded under this office letter No. 279 of 29th April 1893.

"3. In conclusion, I trust that Government will do me the justice of publishing such portions of the correspondence relating to this subject as will free my reputation from the stigma the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are evidently anxious to cast upon me."

Memorandum from the Director of Public Instruction, No. 4360, dated 23rd November 1893—Submitting the above.

RESOLUTION.— In paragraph 2 of their letter the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals quote from the report of the Principal of the College and paragraph 3 from the Government Resolution on that report, and proceed to point out that the Principal in reporting that "operations are prohibited in the hospital, &c., &c.," is in error: and that the animadversion passed on the Society by Government is undeserved.

2. His Excellency in Council had formed the opinion against which the Society protests not only on the report of the Principal. In the report of the Board of Examiners presented to Government in April 1893 the Board remarked in paragraph 8: "it is to be regretted that operations cannot be performed within the precincts of the College and hospital both in the interests of the students and the animals operated on, as the latter have to be taken to the Siwri Lazaretto, operated on and brought back again to the hospital."

3. It now appears that the operation which the Principal had in mind in writing his report, and which, presumably, the members of the Examination Board had in their minds, was that of "Castration"—not those carried out on sick and suffering animals: and, except in so far as it may apply to the castrated animals having to be brought back to the hospital to be dressed, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the animadversion complained of does not apply to the operation of castration.

4. As regards operations other than that of castration, it is extremely difficult to arrive at a clear idea of what is the situation. The Society states in paragraph 4 that "hundreds of operations have been performed on horses, bullocks, dogs and other animals

within the precincts of the hospital" : and, again, paragraph 7, "major and minor operations of all descriptions on the living animal patients in the different wards of the hospital have been, and are up to this day, freely allowed to be performed in the hospital."

In opposition to this the Principal states that "there has only been one major operation performed since the correspondence in May 1892" : and, again, "further than opening an occasional abscess, operations were not performed at the College previous to the Secretary's letter appearing in the newspapers."

The Principal also advances the reasons which led him to suppose that the Secretary objected to operations being performed within the grounds of the hospital and College.

5. That the objections of the Society as to the teaching of the operation of castration and that the views attributed to the supporters of the Society as to the presence of the dissecting-room within the compound were in direct opposition to the views of the Principal, whose duty it is to give his pupils a thorough veterinary training, is obvious ; but it appears to His Excellency in Council that Veterinary Captain Mills and the Board of Examiners assumed, perhaps too hastily, that, because the Society objected to castration being taught, and its supporters disliked the existence of the dissecting-room in the hospital grounds, therefore operations other than castration would not be permitted. At any rate, whatever the exact situation has been, it must now be assumed, on the evidence of the Secretary's letter of 15th September 1893, that all operations except castration may be performed in the hospital ; and under those circumstances His Excellency in Council gladly withdraws the imputation conveyed in the statement that "the action of the Society which prohibits operations for the relief of suffering animals being performed within the hospital premises is hardly consistent with the professed object of the Society." This sentence should, therefore, be expunged, and the passage in the Government Resolution should be altered so as to read—"The College, however, is much hampered in giving practical instruction. The Society prohibits castration being performed in its hospital, and Professors and pupils have, in consequence, to walk to Siwri Lazaretto. This arrangement is highly inconvenient, and conducive to the interests neither of the pupils of the College nor of the animals to be operated on, which have to be taken to the Lazaretto and brought back to the hospital—a journey of nearly three miles."

6. But the representation of the Society having been met on that point, it should be asked to explain whether it considers that its prohibition of the operation of castration rests upon any agreement with Government or is merely due to the opinion of the Society. His Excellency in Council is unable to find in the "Rules and Regulations for the management of the hospital" anything which warrants the prohibition, whilst Rule 3 states that one of the "objects of the institution" is "to afford clinical facilities to students of Veterinary Science at the Government Veterinary College" for the acquirement of sound knowledge : and it appears to His Excellency in Council most unlikely that Government would have entered into the agreement it did with the Trustees of the Society in 1890 if it had been aware that an operation, which it is essential that the pupils should be taught, would be prohibited.

7. The Society should also be asked to explain the financial position as set forth in the Secretary's letter of June 22nd, 1893, as

it appears to His Excellency in Council that the statement at the commencement of paragraph 5 of the letter of 15th September that "the institution is mainly supported by Hindu contributors" is difficult to reconcile with the position presented to Government by the Society in their letter of June 22nd. In that letter it is stated that the "expenditure in connection with the Society since the year 1887 has been more than its income, and the deficit has been made up from the income of the hospital:" and it proceeds to request that "the whole of the Police fines" may be granted to it.

From the following statement of accounts put up with the letter

Year.	Donations to the Society.	Subscriptions to the Society.	Moiety of Police Fines.	Total Income.	Year.	Agents' Salary, Peons' Wages, &c.	Conveyance allowances and compensation to the Secretary.	Advertisement, printing charges and sundry expenses.	Subscription to the *Animal World*.	Office rent.	Total Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1875 ..	2,431	1,050	..	3,481	1875 ..	1,074	..	400	..	..	1,474
1876 ..	770	961	433	2,164	1876 ..	1,665	..	119	18	..	1,802
1877 ..	265	766	2,117	3,148	1877 ..	2,217	..	179	18	..	2,414
1878 ..	445	632	2,082	3,159	1878 ..	1,731	..	132	18	..	1,881
1879 ..	415	643	1,960	3,018	1879 ..	2,066	..	135	18	..	2,219
1880 ..	490	679	2,098	3,267	1880 ..	1,820	..	47	18	..	1,885
1881 ..	..	1,807	2,215	4,023	1881 ..	2,686	24	162	250	..	3,122
1882 ..	..	1,102	4,108	5,210	1882 ..	3,724	168	82	250	..	4,224
1883 ..	..	690	3,879	4,569	1883 ..	3,251	360	80	250	..	3,941
1884 ..	..	837	4,065	4,902	1884 ..	2,810	797	28	250	..	3,915
1885 ..	..	566	2,994	3,560	1885 ..	2,368	1,110	32	125	..	3,635
1886 ..	..	485	3,874	4,359	1886 ..	2,667	1,110	42	212	..	4,031
1887 ..	..	572	3,420	3,992	1887 ..	2,520	1,110	121	137	125	4,013
1888 ..	..	395	1,587	2,282	1888 ..	2,093	1,447	34	150	162	3,886
1889 ..	..	443	2,324	2,767	1889 ..	2,114	1,560	28	125	150	3,977
1890 ..	..	334	2,738	3,072	1890 ..	2,121	1,560	45	125	150	4,001
1891 ..	..	334	2,357	2,691	1891 ..	2,122	1,560	31	..	150	3,863
1892 ..	..	289	2,404	2,693	1892 ..	2,187	1,560	63	..	150	3,960

it would appear that, whilst the Society started as one maintained by voluntary contributions, it is now all but entirely maintained from public revenues, and about two-thirds of the receipts from fines go in payment of the Secretary's salary. What His Excellency in Council desires to know is whether there is one Society, *viz.*, "the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Bái Sákarbái Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals" as the heading of the Society's letters lead Government to suppose, or two distinct Societies, with separate establishments, endowments and systems of account.

8. The position appears to be something as follows. Believing that advantages would accrue to the College if it were in the neighbourhood of the hospital, Government entered into certain agreements with the Trustees of the Society, and has erected certain buildings in the compound. It now appears that the most important of the advantages are not available owing to the views of the Society; whilst at the same time the Society is petitioning Government for increased contributions from Government revenues. Within this situation there appear to be the elements of a compromise, which might put an end to the regrettable friction which His Excellency in Council is aware has been for some time apparent between the Society and the Government Institution. His Excellency in Council appreciates the good work done by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and considers

that public funds may be appropriately contributed for its maintenance: but, on the other hand, Government is entitled to some reciprocity in its endeavours, by giving a sound veterinary education, to secure for dumb animals freedom from the pain and ill-treatment which they suffer through the ignorance of empirics.

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh—

No. 12444. "That Government letter No. 47, Educational Department, dated 9th January 1894, be *recorded.*"

Carried.

The meeting then adjourned, and the President fixed Monday, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 26*th February* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation originally called for the 5th instant, and adjourned from the 19th idem, held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHOY JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULLA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHABILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M. A.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; SUNDERNATH D. KHOTE, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th instant were signed.

Considered the following :—

No. 22323 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 20*th January* 1894.

TO THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

Memorandum.—The accompanying statement is forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for the information of the Corporation.

H. A. ACWORTH,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

In accordance with Section 105 (1) *of the City of Bombay Municipal to the Secretary of State for India in Council and the Municipal time to time were as follows :—*

Particulars of Loans.	1 Balance due on 31st December 1892.	2 Amount raised in 1893.
Loans raised from Government.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1. Vehár Water Works Debt (4%)	25,89,892 7 4	.....
2. Consolidated Loan (4½%)	44,46,332 1 7	.....
Total of Loans raised from Government...	70,36,224 8 11	.....
Loans raised from the Public.		
3. The 6% House-rate and Market Loans of 1867-68	‡ Only	Rs. 1,000 remain
4. The 5% Drainage Loan of 1878 (Rs. 26,94,000)..	22,99,500 0 0	.....
5. The 5% Sanitary Works Loan of 1885-86 (44 lákhs)	38,99,000 0 0	.....
6. The 5% Sanitary Works Loan of 1888 (7 lákhs)	7,00,000 0 0	.....
7. The 5% Tánsa Water Works Loan (Rs. 1,47,00,000)	1,47,00,000 0 0	.....
8. The 5% Drainage and Water Works Loan of 1888 (12 lákhs)	12,00,000 0 0	.....
9. The 5% Miscellaneous Works Loan of 1888-89 (Drainage and Water Works, Markets and Roads, Rs. 10,08,500)	10,08,500 0 0	.....
10. The 5% Agripada House Sullage Water Connections Loan of Rs. 2,48,000 of 1889-90	2,48,000 0 0	.....
11. The 5% Various Sanitary Works Loan of Rs. 35 lákhs of 1890-91	35,00,000 0 0	.....
12. The 5% Municipal Building Loan of Rs. 8 lákhs of 1891	8,00,000 0 0	.....
13. The 4% Loan of Rs. 4½ lákhs for Fire Brigade Quarters and Stations of 1892-93...	2,50,000 0 0	2,00,000 0 0
14. The 4 % Loan of Rs. 42 lákhs for repayment of balance of Government Consolidated Loan—of 1893-94	.....	42,00,000 0 0
Total of Loans raised from the Public...	2,86,05,000 0 0	44,00,000 0 0
Grand Total...	3,56,41,224 8 11	44,00,000 0 0

* The amount of this balance will have to be re-adjusted on the Government of India January 1893.

† The balance of this Loan was fully liquidated on 1st July 1893 by raising a Loan No. 1989, dated 6th July 1893, General Department.

‡ This amount has still remained unpaid owing to the bond-holder having lost the the party applies for payment on the expiration of six years from the date of the

§ Two debentures for Rs. 500 each, repayable on 1st January 1890 and 1st January to the close of 1893. The debentures do not carry interest from and after the due dates

¶ As under the terms of these Loans the bonds issued could not be repaid to the bond-of the Loans has been invested as under :—

	Amount of Sinking Fund invested up to 31st Dec. 1892.	Balance of Debt Instalments for 1893.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
44 Lakhs Sanitary Works Loan	3,02,177 0 0	62,050 0 0
7 Do. Sanitary Works Loan	26,633 4 7	6,000 0 0
12 Do. Drainage and Water Works Loan ...	47,744 11 3	11,000 0 0
Loan of Rs. 10,08,500 for Drainage and Water Works, Markets and Roads	36,794 9 9	8,600 0 0
Agripada House Sullage Water Connections Loan of Rs. 2,48,000	5,094 2 5	2,400 0 0
Various Sanitary Works Loan of 35 lakhs ...	59,765 1 1	29,000 0 0
Municipal Building Loan of 8 lakhs	7,077 6 11	7,000 0 0
Tansa Water Works Loan of 147 lakhs	.....	42,000 0 0
Total Rs....	4,85,286 4 0	1,68,050 0 0

** The Sinking Fund for this Loan having become payable in January 1894, its

†† The Sinking Fund for this Loan will be due on 1st July 1894.

Act, 1888, *it is hereby notified that the balances due by the Corporation Security-holders on* 31*st December* 1893 *on account of Loans raised from*

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Total.			Amount re-paid in 1893.			Balance due on 31st December 1893.			Interest paid in 1893.			Total of Columns 4 and 6.		
Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
25,89,892	7	4	77,512	15	7	*25,12,379	7	9	97,687	0	5	1,75,200	0	0
44,46,332	1	7	†44,46,332	1	7	.....			1,98,323	9	0	46,44,655	10	7
70,36,224	8	11	45,23,845	1	2	25,12,379	7	9	2,96,010	9	5	48,19,855	10	7
unpaid.														
22,99,500	0	0	§41,500	0	0	22,58,000	0	0						
38,99,000	0	0	¶.....			38,99,000	0	0						
7,00,000	0	0	¶.....			7,00,000	0	0						
1,47,00,000	0	0	¶.....			1,47,00,000	0	0						
12,00,000	0	0	¶.....			12,00,000	0	0						
10,08,500	0	0	¶.....			10,08,500	0	0						
2,48,000	0	0	¶.....			2,48,000	0	0						
35,00,000	0	0	¶.....			35,00,000	0	0						
8,00,000	0	0	¶.....			8,00,000	0	0						
4,50,000	0	0	**.....			4,50,000	0	0						
42,00,000	0	0	††.....			42,00,000	0	0						
3,30,05,000	0	0	41,500	0	0	3,29,63,500	0	0						
4,00,41,224	8	11	45,65,345	1	2	3,54,75,879	7	9						

The interest is paid direct by the Bank of Bombay when it becomes due, and is demanded by the Security-holders.

passing the short Act legalizing the payment of a reduced instalment from 1st

of Rs. 42 lakhs from the public at 4 per cent., as sanctioned in Government Resolution

debentures. It has been deposited with the Bank of Bombay and will be repaid when

repayment of the Loan.

1893, have remained unpaid owing to their not being surrendered for re-payment up

and will be re-paid when presented out of the renewed grant for debt.

holders before the dates stipulated in the debentures, the Sinking Fund on account

Interest Accumulations for 1893.			Total.		
Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
16,820	12	9	8,81,047	12	9
1,469	15	10	34,103	4	5
2,686	7	2	61,431	2	5
1,857	3	8	47,251	13	5
317	4	10	7,811	7	3
3,019	1	10	91,784	2	11
357	8	11	14,434	15	10
1,048	10	0	43,048	10	0
27,577	1	0	(*a*) 6,80,913	5	0

(*a*) Deposited at the Bank of Bombay in 5 per cent. Municipal Debentures for Rs. 6,80,500, and Rs. 413-5-0 in cash.

investment will appear in the statement for the calendar year 1894.

H. A. ACWORTH,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

Bombay, 19*th January* 1894.

Proposed by Ebrahim Rahimtula, Esq., seconded by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. S. O'B. Banks—

"That memorandum No. 22323, dated 20th January 1894, from the Commissioner and return forwarded therewith be *recorded.*"

No. 12733.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 19670 of 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 22*nd December* 1893.

THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—With reference to Corporation Resolution No. 13135 of 6th March 1893, I have the honor to say that the float therein authorized to be tried was made and placed first in the well opposite the Fort Police Court and afterwards in a well on Waudby Road. There seems no reason to doubt it would serve its purpose if let alone, but it is pretty evident that neither that nor any other float will be of use in wells from which people draw water. Mr. Byrne's float has been gradually knocked to pieces, apparently by the heavy metal *lotahs* which are thrown in to draw water, and only fragments of it are left.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Mulji B. Barbhaya, Esq., seconded by Shivaji Dhurmaji, Esq.,—

"That letter No. 19670, dated 22nd December 1893, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, be *recorded.*"

Amendment, proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.,—

"That letter from the Commissioner, No. 19670, dated 22nd December 1893, be *recorded.*

No. 12734.

"That the Commissioner be requested to give a trial to Mr. Ratnagar's apparatus for saving persons from drowning in any well selected by the Commissioner and to report the result to the Corporation at the expiration of one year from this date.

"That, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the necessary outlay in the matter."

The amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion *nem con.*

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.,—

"That the Health Officer's Report for the fourth quarter of 1893 be *recorded.*"

No. 12735.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Mulji Bhawanidas Barbhaya, Esq.,—

"That, in reply to their petition, dated 22nd November 1893, Messrs. Ramchandra Yeshwant, Siwaram Trimbak Thakore, and other residents of Jagannath's Chawl, Fanaswadi Lane, be informed that the Commissioner reports that the old service water main became choked, but that the usual supply of water has been restored to the applicants."

No. 12736.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

Monthly Return of sick treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, for the month of December 1893.

No.	Diseases.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	2	...	2	1	...	1	2
2	Chicken-pox	...	2	2	1	...	1	2
3	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Cholera	...	1	1	1	...	...	1
	Total ...	2	3	5	3	...	2	5

BOMBAY, 1*st January* 1894.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 28813 OF 1893-94.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 20667 OF 8*th January* 1894.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to the Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.,—

"That memorandum No. 20667, dated 8th January 1894, from the Commissioner and return forwarded therewith be *recorded*."

No. 12737.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Shivaji Dhurmaji, Esq.,—

"That, in reply to their petition, dated 17th October 1893, No. 12738. Messrs. J. Hendrick, W. M. Thomas and other residents of Peerbhoy Buildings, Foras Road, be informed that the Commissioner reports—

"'(*a*) There is no milch cattle stable to the west of the Peerbhoy Buildings. A structure intended doubtless for a stable has been erected, but it has not been, and will not be, licensed for milch cattle.

"'(*b*) The greater part of the ground complained of as being a sink for stagnant water has been filled up and it will all be filled up before long.'"

Carried.

Considered the following :—

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT AT WADI BUNDER, &c., AND PROVISION OF BURYING GROUND FOR MAHOMEDANS AND BENI-ISRAEL.

On the 20th July last the Corporation passed Resolution No. 3978, as per margin, in accordance with which the Committee on the 20th November reported that the site at Tank Bunder was in itself suitable and that, if the Municipality accepted the proposals of the Trust, the site would be a right one to decide on from a financial point of view. In the meantime (12th October) the Corporation had passed their Resolution No. 6604, as per margin, pursuant to which the Committee, on consultation with the Commissioner, have carefully considered the proposals made by the Port Trust, and now beg to recommend that they be accepted by the Corporation, the Municipal contribution being raised by loan.

"That the following letters from the Commissioner and petitions on the subject of providing a burial ground for the No. 3978. Mahomedan and Beni-Israel communities be referred to a Committee for report. The Committee to consist of Mr. G. Cotton Chairman, Mr. Roughton, the Hon'ble Mr. Fazalbhai Visram, Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. S. O'B. Banks, Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Mr. D. E. Wacha, the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Metha, Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadeker, Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik and Mr. Rebsch.

"That the papers, as per margin, be referred for inquiry and report to the Committee appointed on the 20th July last to report on the question of the provision of burying ground for Mahomedans and Beni-Israel.

Letter to the President, No. 3286, dated 29th September 1893, from the Secre- No. 6604. tary, Port Trust, stating that the Trustees are prepared to make over to the Municipality 3,287 yards of land at Tank Bunder for the purpose of a burying ground, free of charge, on condition that the Corporation join in the cost of approaches to the new overbridge at Wadi Bunder, construction of road from north of Hancock Bridge to Gunpowder Road, and continuation of certain other roads, at a net cost, estimated by the Trustees, of under Rs. 2,00,000.

"That the Commitee be requested to make their report as early as possible."

It is obvious that the scheme is of the utmost importance as regards the development of the means of traffic, and, if carried to completion, will be of much advantage to the public generally, whilst the relative proportions of the cost of the undertaking are

fairly adjusted between the three bodies concerned, namely, the G. I. P. R. Company, the Municipality, and the Port Trust.

The details of the scheme, as now proposed, are so fully explained in the accompanying memorandum from the Commissioner that it is only requisite to add here that briefly, under this scheme, the long-required overbridge at Wadi Bunder and approaches thereto will be constructed, and the following additional roads provided, namely, 60 feet road from the north limit of the Railway Company's land to Gunpowder Road, including north approach to the bridge, the continuation of the last mentioned northwards to Tank Bunder Causeway, and continuation of road north to Kalachowki Road. The Corporation, moreover, will be placed in possession of the burying ground for Mahomedans and Beni-Israelites at Tank Bunder to the extent of 30,287 square yards free of charge.

The respective proportions of the cost of completing the scheme are—

	Including frontages.	Excluding frontages.
	Rs.	Rs.
G. I. P. Ry. Company	5,00,000	5,00,000
Municipality	5,73,500	5,03,000
Port Trust	5,73,000	5,03 000

The Municipality will be called on to spend a total sum of Rs. 7,30,000 with, or Rs. 6,18,500 without, frontages, and will save the difference (Rs. 1,56,500) on the burial ground scheme.

As the Corporation have already sanctioned Rs. 1,32,000 for the north approach to the bridge, the additional grant required would be Rs. 5,98,000 with, or Rs. 4,85,500 without, frontages.

By sanctioning the additional grant the Corporation will ensure improvements in the city, costing Rs. 15,05,770, of which the G. I. P. Railway contribute Rs. 5,00,000 and the Port Trust Rs. 5,03,000, and in addition acquire, free of cost, land valued at Rs. 1,51,435.

G. COTTON.
G. W. ROUGHTON.
S. REBSCH.
FAZULBHOY VISRAM.
BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA.
JAVERILAL U. YAJNIK.
PHIROZESHAH M. MEHTA.
S. O'B. BANKS.

BOMBAY, 29*th November* 1893.

MINUTE.

Looking to the immense advantages which the Port Trust will derive by the construction of the proposed road, as they will there-

* Mr. D. E. Wacha is absent from Bombay.

by obtain a direct connection by a 60 feet wide thoroughfare between two of their large properties, *viz.*, the Carnac Bunder Estate and the Frere Land Estate, it appears to me that the contribution they offer is inadequate.

It should be borne in mind that this contribution, instead of being in cash, is in the form of a piece of land which, however, useful it may be to the Municipality as a burial ground, has not half as good a marketable value as the price of Rs. 1,51,000 fixed for it.

"In order to make the shares devolving upon them and on the Municipality equal," the basis of calculation adopted by the Municipal Commissioner in his memo. of the 25th November appears to me to be not quite fair. I fail to see the justice of including the cost of a road to Kalachowki entered therein under item No 5, as the road in question is now being constructed and will probably be completed before the Corporation will have finally decided on the subject.

I think a just and equitable equal division would only occur if the Port Trust were made to contribute half the cost of such works as would be undertaken, if the present proposals are entertained. Those works, which have already been undertaken, as for instance the road to Kalachowki, costing Rs. 1,17,000 above referred to, should not be taken into account. I think the Corporation would be fully justified in insisting upon the Port Trustees increasing their contribution to the extent of making a really equal division of all such expenditure as wholly depended on the sanction of the proposals now under consideration.

If, however, it is found impossible to get a larger contribution from the Port Trust, and if at the same time it is the desire of the Corporation that the road in question should be constructed on the basis of the proposals now before them, I would point out that the better course would be to adopt the "including frontages" scheme. In para. (4) of the above report it is stated that "the Municipality will be called upon to spend a total sum of Rs. 7,30,000 with, or Rs. 6,18,500 without, frontages, and *will save the difference* (*Rs. 1,56,500*)." This is misleading as such a saving (by which the Port Trust contribution is meant) would only occur if the larger scheme is adopted and not otherwise. If the "excluding frontages" scheme were sanctioned, the contribution of the Port Trust would be diminished by Rs. 40,500, and the saving in that case would amount only to Rs. 1,16,000. I find that the Commissioner, in giving his figures under this head, puts down the saving at Rs. 1,26,000, but I presume that this is due to some oversight. It would thus appear that, by adopting the larger scheme, the Corporation will not only make this additional saving of Rs. 40,500, but the actual cost on the road will be reduced by the profits arising from the sale of the frontages.

IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA.

28*th December* 1893.

In 1879 the necessity for an overbridge at Wari Bunder was brought to notice by a Government Committee, but the Government of India in a letter which was embodied in Bombay Government Resolution No. 2675 of 1879, said that they could not consent to the expenditure of Guaranteed Railway Capital on such a bridge, because the Railway Company were in possession of the land before the Frere Road was projected. On a further representation from the Government of Bombay, the Government of India so far modified their previous orders as to consent to the Railway Company building the bridge with the aid of the Port Trust and the Municipality. They said, "the Government of Bombay is aware "that the reclamation of land for the Railway at Wari Bunder "preceded the reclamation of the land on which the Frere Road has "been made, and consequently the continuation of the road to "Mazagon has always been barred by the prior possession of the "intervening land by the Railway Company. The Government of "India, however, fully recognizes the great convenience the road, if "built with an overbridge across the Railway, will be to the local "community, and it is therefore willing on the model of the precedent "established in the Carnac, Elphinstone and Musjid Bridges, in case "the Railway Company, the Port Trust and the Municipality com-"bine to share the cost, to withdraw its prohibition against guaranteed "capital being spent upon the work."

On 5th February 1882 the Port Trustees resolved as follows :— "* * * The Trustees admit the desirability of building a bridge "across the Railway and of widening the streets on the Mazagon "side of the proposed bridge ; but, in view of the fact that the Trust "is taxed by the Municipality in the same way as the other pro-"perty owners in Bombay, they do not consider that any case has "been made out for asking them to make a special contribution "towards the cost of the bridge."

On 20th February 1884 Government inquired what the views of the Municipality were on the question of the proportion to be contributed by the Municipality towards the overbridge, and were informed on 19th April 1884 that, as the Port Trustees were not in a position to contribute, nothing could be done.

On 17th June 1884, Government issued a Resolution No. 1064 in the Railway Department, in which the views of the Trustees were discussed and their contentions refuted, ending with an expression of opinion that the Port Trust ought to be willing to share the cost of the overbridge with the Railway Company and the Municipality.

On 8th August 1884 a deputation, as per margin, waited on Government at Poona and were received by the Honorable Mr. Melvill, Member of Council. The views of Government having been explained, Mr. Ollivant expressed the opinion that, if the Railway Company and the Port Trust would

Colonel Merewether, Mr. Ollivant, Mr. Thorburn, Mr. Jairajbhai Peerbhai, Mr. Manson, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Wilson Bell, Colonel Hancock and Colonel Pottinger were also present.

between them build the bridge and the south approaches, the Municipality might not improbably pay for the north approach, and construct a through road through Mazagon, which was much required. Colonel Merewether intimated that he would lay before the Trustees for further consideration the proposal that they should provide land free of cost, and pay for the approaches on the south side outside Railway limits.

On 4th September 1884 the Port Trustees resolved that they would provide such Port Trust land as was required free of cost, and pay for the south approaches outside Railway limits, with some stipulations, of which the most important one was that "a good "wide and direct road be constructed from the north end of the "bridge through Mazagon at the same time as the bridge."

In their Resolution No. 1734 of 24th September 1884, Government recapitulated the principal terms as follows :—

"I. The Railway Company to design the bridge and to defray "the entire cost of constructing so much of the bridge and ap- "proaches as lie within Railway limits, *i.e.*, between the north and "south boundaries of the Railway Goods Yard, provided that the "width of the roadway between parapets is limited to 40 feet.

"II. The cost of any extra width in excess of 40 feet required "for the extension of the Municipal Tramway to be defrayed by the "Municipality or the Tramway Company.

"III. The Municipality to defray the cost of approaches to the "overbridge from the north or Mazagon side, lying beyond the "Railway boundary, including the cost of any land which it may be "necessary to acquire for the purpose.

"IV. The Municipality further to undertake to construct a "wide and direct through road through Mazagon in extension of "the Frere Road from the north end of the overbridge by the time "the overbridge is finished."

Certain other stipulations were mentioned, which need not be referred to excepting one made by the Port Trustees that their offer should hold good for five years only.

The Commissioner was asked to lay the matter before the Town Council and Corporation.

On 17th November 1887 the Corporation passed Resolution No. 1588, in which they informed Government that they were not prepared at present to entertain the proposal of constructing a new road from Wari Bunder to Mazagon, but that they would agree to contribute their share of the cost of an overbridge, provided that share did not exceed one lakh of rupees.

Matters thus were at a deadlock. The Port Trust made the construction of the road a condition of their contribution, and the Municipality refused to commit themselves to any promise to construct it within a given time.

In 1891 the Chamber of Commerce addressed Government on the question and Government issued a Resolution No. 1931 of 8th September 1891, in which they expressed a hope that the parties to the original arrangement would again consider the question.

On 10th December 1891, on my return from leave, I addressed the Chairman, Port Trust, pointing out that the road would cost not less than 7 lakhs over and above the cost (about 1¼ lakh) of the northern approach, that I had suggested the alternative of a cross road to Lawrence deLima Street at an interview between the Chairman, the Agent, G. I. P. Railway, and myself, that the construction of the bridge would be a dominant factor in proving the necessity of the road, and that if the former were made the latter would, therefore, inevitably soon follow, and hoping that the Trustees would withdraw the stipulation which blocked further progress.

On 15th March 1892 the Trustees passed a resolution in answer to my letter, in which they withdrew the stipulation objected to in the following terms:—

"The Trustees renew their former offer, subject to all the limi-
"tations and conditions hitherto laid down, except that they now
"make no stipulation as to the date by which the Corporation
"should undertake to complete a wide and direct through road to
"Mazagon in extension of the Frere Road from the north end of
"the overbridge, but that they trust that the Corporation will soon
"see its way to carry out the work."

In my letter No. 17944 of 14th November 1892 I wrote fully to the Standing Committee on the subject, forwarding an estimate amounting to Rs. 1,32,652 for the cost of the north approach. On 9th February 1893 the Corporation passed Resolution No. 11988 sanctioning this expenditure, and dealing with the minor stipulations of the Port Trustees, to which latter no further reference is required. To this resolution, Port Trust letter No. 3286 of 29th September 1893, which is now before the Committee, is the answer.

I may remark that it is not now open to the Port Trustees to renew, as they seem to wish to do (*vide para.* 9), their stipulation for any guarantee as to the construction of the road within any given time. They have definitely and distinctly by their resolution of 15th March 1892, with all the facts before them, withdrawn that stipulation, and they cannot retract that withdrawal without a clear breach of faith, however appropriate it may be to express regret that the Corporation refuse to entertain the stipulation.

It is a question demanding more serious attention whether the Government of India will consent to the expenditure of Guaranteed Railway Capital on the bridge unless the road is also constructed. It appears to me from correspondence already quoted that they will not; and, if so, the road becomes once more the leading feature of the whole question.

These considerations need not, however, occupy the time of the Committee, if they are disposed to consider favorably the offer made by the Port Trustees in the letter just referred to. In order to elucidate this, it is necessary to refer for a moment to negotiations and proceedings which concern another subject.

The Health Officer and the Municipal Commissioner have in past years frequently pointed out the necessity of acquiring land for a burial-ground for Mahomedans on the east of the City, and it has hitherto been the intention to provide, out of any plot so acquired, for the needs of the Beni-Israel community, which are, if possible, more urgent. A committee of the Corporation recommended the acquisition of the ground known as the Unjeer Bagh, and the Standing Committee recommended a grant of Rs. 3,75,000 for the purpose. In the meantime another site known as the Mount Estate was thought to possess superior advantages, and a committee of the Corporation recommended its acquisition, instead of the Unjeer Bagh, at a cost of Rs. 2,75,000. I may observe here that, though this site could have been acquired last year for this sum, I have no reason to suppose that this is the case now. Be that as it may, the Corporation rejected the proposal and directed me to look out for another site. I chose one at Tank Bunder embracing 30,287 yards of Port Trust land with smaller portions belonging to other owners. Being called on to report on the relative merits of the three sites, I recommended that at Tank Bunder, which was supposed to cost probably about 4 lakhs.

I have recently (10th ultimo) pointed out to the Committee what the financial effect would be of accepting the Port Trust offer to give us their 30,287 square yards of ground free.

I take the cost of the three sites to be as nearly as possible—

Unjeer Bagh	...	...	...	Rs. 3,75,000
Mount Estate	...	...	...	„ 2,75,000
Tank Bunder	...	...	...	„ 3,80,035

From the third item, however, ought to be deducted (*vide* my memo. No. 13962 of 10th) a sum of Rs. 97,120, reducing it to Rs. 2,82,915. In case the terms offered by the Port Trust and explained below are accepted, the cost of the Tank Bunder site will be Rs. 1,31,480.

In their letter of 29th September 1893, the Port Trustees make a definite offer, in extension of what they have already consented to, of contributing towards the bridge and road project such further sum as shall equalize the shares to be borne by the Municipality and the Port Trust in the cost of the whole work outside Railway limits, taking the whole work to mean a road from the junction of Kalachowki and Ghorupdeo Roads to the north limit of the land belonging to the Railway, including the north approach to the bridge, and a road and approaches from the south limit of that land as far as the southern toe of the bridge embankment.

The figures given in the letter require considerable alteration, as I have had a fresh survey made of the Municipal part of the road, and there has been a necessity for frequent communication with the Chairman and Engineers, Port Trust, in order to bring the Municipal and Port Trust estimates into line in respect of the percentage of contingencies to be charged and the works to be actually included in the two estimates. There was at first considerable discrepancy,

one estimate including footpaths and the other not; one including storm water drains and the other not; one charging 10 per cent. and the other 15 or 17 per cent. for contingencies; and so on. In the revised figures the charges are all assimilated and the same works included in both estimates.

I give the result below in a tabular form similar to that adopted in paras. 13 to 15 of the Port Trust letter :—

	Including purchase of land for frontages.		Excluding purchase of land for frontages.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. South approach to bridge, coloured red and marked E D on plan	2,11,000	2,11,000	2,11,000	2,11,000
2. Bridge, coloured yellow and marked D C on plan, say	5,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000	5,00,000
3. 60-foot road from north limit of Railway land to Gunpowder Road, including north approach of bridge	.....	7,30,000	.....	6,18,500
4. Continuation of ditto northwards to Tank Bunder Causeway, coloured red and marked B X on plan	59,086	89,086	.....	59,086
(a)—Add for frontages to be acquired	30,000			
5. Continuation north to Kalachowki, coloured red and marked X A on plan	.....	1,17,184	.....	1,17,184
Total Rs. ...	.....	16,47,270	.....	15,05,770
Say Rs. ...	.....	16,47,000	.....	15,06,000

The amount is at present divisible as follows :—

	Including purchase of frontages.	Excluding purchase of frontages.
	Rs.	Rs.
I.—G. I. P. Railway—Item 2	5,00,000	5,00,000
II.—Municipality—Item 3	7,30,000	6,18,500
III.—Port Trust—Items 1, 4, 5	4,17,270	3,87,000
Total Rs. ...	16,47,000	15,06,000

The Port Trustees propose, in order to make the shares devolving on them and on the Municipality equal, a further contribution which would be—

Including frontages ... ... Rs. 1,56,500
Excluding „ ... ... „ 1,26,000

The respective shares would then become—

	Including frontages.	Excluding frontages.
	Rs.	Rs.
I.—G. I. P. Railway...	5,00,000	5,00,000
II.—Municipality	5,73,500	5,03,000
III.—Port Trust	5,73,000	5,03,000
Total... ...	16,47,000	15,06,000

The Trustees are prepared to agree to the division being made on the basis of the figures in the first column.

The Trustees propose that their contribution should take the form of a free grant of land for a burial-ground. The value of this land, as estimated previous to, and independently of, the present question, is Rs. 1,51,435, and the small balance, Rs. 5,065, would have to be paid in money.

They make also a further proposal with regard to a smaller work ancillary to the road under consideration, *viz.*, the extension of the Victoria Road.

This work will cost within Municipal limits, if the road be diverted, as I have proposed, to avoid the Agiary, Rs. 36,200. The Port Trust portion will cost about Rs. 40,000. The Port Trustees wish the Municipality to undertake the Municipal part of the work, but probably they will not press this condition, though the road would be very useful to the Municipality, particularly as an approach to the burial-ground. If, however, it is undertaken, it will cost, as I have said, Rs. 36,200, or, deducting Rs. 5,065 to be paid in cash by the Port Trustees, Rs. 31,135.

It might be done out of the 15 lakhs loan.

H. A. ACWORTH,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.

25th November 1893.

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. S. O'B. Banks—

"That the report of the Committee of the Corporation on the questions of the proposed extension of the Frere Road and the provision of a burial-ground for Mahomedans and Beni-Israel be approved and adopted.

"That the Corporation, with reference to the report of the Committee prefer the scheme, including frontages; and with reference to the Commissioner's memorandum of 25th November 1893, they also approve and sanction the extension of Victoria Road.

"That copies of the report of the Committee and of the Commissioner's memo. be forwarded with this resolution to the Chairman, Port Trust, in reference to his letter No. 3286 of 29th September 1893, and that the Standing Committee be requested to make the necessary recommendation for defraying the Municipal expenditure in the matter."

Amendment, proposed by Ebrahim Rahimtula, Esq., seconded by Sundernath D. Khote, Esq.,—

"That the matter of the proposed improvements at Wari Bunder be referred back to the Committee, with a view to consider the question of a more equitable apportionment of the cost of such improvements between the Municipality and the Port Trust, and that Mr. Hughes, Mr. Dharamsi, the Hon'ble Mr. Rahimtula M. Sayani and Mr. Shroff be added to the Committee."*

No. 12739.

At this stage it was proposed by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq., seconded by W. R. Hamilton, Esq.,—

"That the meeting do now adjourn."

But the proposal was *lost*, the votes being 7 *for* and a large majority *against*.

Mr. Hamilton was proceeding to address the meeting when he was ruled out of order by the President, as, in seconding the motion to adjourn, Mr. Hamilton had forfeited his right to speak again.

On a division, there were 24 votes *for*, and 24 votes *against*, the amendment which was *carried* by the casting vote of the President.

The amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion by 27 votes *against* 25 votes.

The meeting then adjourned, and the President fixed Thursday, the 1st proximo, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

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* The names of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Dharamsi, the Hon'ble Mr. Sayani and Mr. Shroff were added to the Committee, on the suggestion of Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatwadekar.

BOMBAY, 1*st March* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 5th ultimo, and adjourned from the 26th idem, held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq., B.A.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAISHANKER NANABHAI, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BOMONJI PESTONJI MASTER, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., C.C.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., C.C.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC., NANABHOY NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th ultimo were signed.

In accordance with notice of motion it was proposed by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.,—

No. 13054. "(1) That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to report on the state and condition of the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Garden at Mahim, intimating the area occupied by the Fire Brigade Station, which is located within its area; (2) also to suggest any improvements which may make the garden more attractive to the public."

The motion was seconded by Ardasir F. Unwalla, Esq., and—

Carried.

In the absence of the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, who had given notice of intention to move as follows, it was proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.,—

No. 13055. "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to produce the correspondence relating to the application made to him by Mr. Cursetji Dhunjeebhoy, late Inspector, Water Works Department, for leave of absence on half-pay for 11 months and 4 days, together with the reports of the Executive Engineer and the Chief Accountant thereon, to enable the Standing Committee to

dispose of his petition, dated the 25th November 1893, to that body, and that the Commissioner be requested to furnish the Corporation with a report on the subject."*

On a division, there were 18 votes *for* and 2 *against* the motion which was *carried*.

Read letter, dated 26th ultimo, from Mr. E. B. Carroll, asking that his notice of motion be transferred to the March meeting.

Proposed by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Singh, seconded by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.,—

No. 13056. "That the following notice of motion given by Mr. Carroll be postponed till the March meeting :—

"'That, as the water supply of the city is now sufficient for all purposes, the raising of an additional supply for road-watering by Persian wheels (costing annually Rs. 6,259) should be given up, and with this object the Commissioner be requested to reduce the expenditure, as far as possible, in the current year.

"'Also that the iron tanks used in connection with road-watering (the maintenance of which costs annually Rs. 3,320) be gradually abolished, and the cheaper mode of supply direct from stand-pipes be adopted.'"

Carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, 1*st March* 1894.

AT the adjourned special meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 5th ultimo, and adjourned from that day) held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAISHANKER NANABHAI, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BOMANJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L.M. & S.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L.M. & S.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

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* The words "and that the Commissioner be requested to furnish the Corporation with a report on the subject" were added at the suggestion of Bhaishanker Nanabhai, Esq.

Proposed by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq., seconded by Karsandas Chubildas, Esq.,—

No. 13057. "That the consideration of the draft by-laws framed under the authority of section 461, clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*), (*j*) and (*p*) of the Municipal Act, be postponed until the Commissioner forwards his report on the petition from Messrs. Chapsi Bhimjee Thakar, Sorabji Hormasjee, and other firewood merchants of Bombay."

Carried.

BOMBAY, *8th March* 1894.

AT the ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President.*

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq., B.A.; BADRUDIN BIN ABDULA KUR, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHAISHANKAR NANABHAI, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L.M.; BOMONJEE PESTONJEE MASTER, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DARASHAH RATANJI CHICHGAR, Esq.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; J. F. FERNANDEZ, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALANA, Esq.; GOVERDHANDAS GOCULDAS TEJPAL, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HASAMBHAI VISRAM, Esq.; HORMUSJI CURSETJI COORLAWALLA, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULLA, Esq.; JAGMOHANDAS VANDRAWANDAS, Esq.; SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, BART., C.S.I.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MEHERJIBHAI RASTAMJI SETNA, Esq., L. M. & S.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; MULJI BHAWANIDAS BARBHAYA, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NOWROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; THE HON'BLE MR. PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA, C.I.E.; PURSHOTAMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHAI, Esq.; RAHIMTULA KHAIRAZ, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. RAHIMTULA MOHAMED SAYANI, M.A., LL.B.; S. REBSCH, Esq., A.M.I.C.E; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGALDAS NATHOOBHOY, Esq; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 1st instant, were signed.

Read the following :—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
CALCUTTA, *February 7th*, 1894.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th January informing me of the despatch of a silver casket containing an illuminated copy on vellum of the address presented to the Earl of Elgin by the Municipality of Bombay. The casket

has arrived, and I have placed it in His Excellency's hands. I am desired to express to you His Excellency's admiration of the workmanship of the casket in which the Address is enclosed, and to request that you will convey his thanks to the members of the Municipal Corporation. I am also to express the gratification which His Excellency experienced at the reception which he met with from all classes during his stay in Bombay, and his subsequent journey in that Presidency.—I have, &c., J. C. ARDAGH, Col., Private Secretary to the Viceroy.

To H. W. BARROW, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the Municipal Secretary, dated Calcutta, 7th February 1894, from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General." No. 13406.

Carried.

Proposed by D. A. D'Monte, Esq., seconded by Kharsedjee N. Wadya, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum to the Secretary, No. 23358, dated 31st January 1894, from the Commissioner, forwarding notification of the election in Mahim Ward of Mr. Ardasir Framji Unwalla in place of Mr. Pranjivandas Culliandas, resigned." No. 13407.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by R. H. Vincent, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Letter to the Municipal Secretary, No. 1055, dated 26th January 1894, from the Secretary, Joint Schools' Committee, stating that Mr. Grattan Geary, who retired from the Committee at the end of the last year in accordance with section 39 (3) of the Municipal Act, has been re-appointed a member of the Committee by Government." No. 13408.

Carried.

The election of four members of the Standing Committee *vice* Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq., K. M. Shroff, Esq., and A. G. Viegas, Esq., who retired by rotation, was proceeded with.

Proposed by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by Kharsedji N. Wadya, Esq.—

"That under the provisions of rule 6 of the By-laws for the appointment of members of the Standing Committee, Messrs. James W. Smith, J. Leask No. 13409.

and Rao Bahadur Virprasad Tapiprasad be appointed scrutineers to assist the Municipal Secretary in examining the ballot papers for the appointment of members of the Standing Committee."

Carried.

The ballot was closed at 4 P.M., and at 4-45 P.M. the Municipal Secretary and the Scrutineers presented the following report :—

BOMBAY, 8*th March* 1894.

To THOMAS BLANEY, ESQ.,

President, Bombay Municipal Corporation.

SIR,—We have the honor to report that we have this day made a scrutiny of the ballot papers presented for the election of members of the Standing Committee of the Corporation and that the valid votes recorded are as under :—

1.	Mr. Anandrao Narayen Vasudeo	19
2.	„ Cowasjee Hormusjee	48
3.	„ W. R. Hamilton	36
4.	„ K. M. Shroff	46
5.	„ K. N. Kabraji	53
6.	„ A. G. Viegas	49

We have, &c.,
H. W. BARROW,
Municipal Secretary.

JAMES W. SMITH,
J. LEASK,
VIRPRASAD TAPIPRASAD, } Scrutineers.

The President having received this report, declared the following gentlemen duly elected :—

Mr. K. N. Kabraji.
Mr. A. G. Viegas.
Mr. Cowasjee Hormusjee.
Mr. K. M. Shroff.

Proposed by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik—

" That the thanks of the Corporation be given to Messrs. H. W. Barrow, James W. Smith, J. Leask, and Rao Bahadur Virprasad Tapiprasad for scrutinising the votes this day."

No. 13410.

Carried with acclamation.

In accordance with notice, it was proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham—

No. 13411. "That Messrs. Ardasir Framji Moos and Nanabhai R. Ranina be re-appointed Auditors for 1894-95 and that their remuneration be Rs. 5,000 each, as provided in the budget."

Carried.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 13412. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter from Grattan Geary, Esq., resigning his seat as a councillor."

Carried.

Read letter No. 734 of 1894, General Department, dated 27th February 1894, to Thomas Blaney, Esq., President, as follows :—

SIR,—With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 11989, dated 10th February 1894, I am directed to state for the information of the Municipal Corporation, Bombay, that under the provisions of sub-section 2 of section 144 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act 1888, His Excellency the Governor-in-Council is pleased to appoint Mr. F. W. Stevens, F.R.I.B.A., ASSOC. M. INST. C. E., M.S.A., C.I.E., with the concurrence of the Corporation, to fix for the term of five years, commencing from the 1st April 1894, the rateable value of the buildings and lands in the city of Bombay vesting in Her Majesty and beneficially occupied.

I am to add that the terms mentioned in paragraph 1 * of Mr. Stevens' letter No. 464, dated 6th ultimo, have been accepted.—I have, &c.,

W. L. HARVEY,
Under Secretary to Government.

Extract paragraph 1 of the letter from Mr. Stevens, No. 564, dated 6th January 1894.

"With reference to your letter No. 7 of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to state that I shall be pleased to accept the appointment to fix the rateable value of the buildings and lands in the City of Bombay vesting in Her Majesty and beneficially occupied under the provision of clause II of section 144 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888, for a remuneration of Rs. 5,000, provided that all plans, areas and measurements and any other information required in connection with the matter are supplied to

* Extract enclosed.

me jointly by Government and the Municipality and that the printing of the award and statements is also paid for by Government and the Municipality.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 12219, dated 14th February 1894, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 2,500 for the moiety of Mr. Stevens' fees *plus* half the cost of printing his award and statements, to the debit of unappropriated cash balance. That all plans, areas, measurements and other information required by Mr. Stevens be supplied jointly, by Government and the Municipality, as per accompaniment to Mr. Under Secretary Harvey's letter to the President, No. 734, General Department, dated 27th ultimo."

No. 13413.

Carried by 4 votes *against* 1 vote.

Read the following :—No. 32392 of 1893-94, dated Bombay, 3rd February 1894 :—

To the COMMISSIONER.

Sir,—On behalf of the Officers of the Health Department, I have the honour to tender my warm thanks for the very generous and kindly manner in which the Corporation have recognized the efforts of the Department to perform their duties—duties which were carried out under circumstances of great difficulty and even danger. I venture to express the opinion that this recognition by the Corporation of an honest endeavour to perform their duties will not only encourage the officers of the department in carrying out their very onerous and unpleasant duties, but that the people of Bombay will co-operate with them more willingly and cordially in all matters of sanitation and the public health. I also beg to tender the grateful thanks of the Assistant Health Officer and myself for the commendation the Corporation and Municipal Commissioner have been pleased to bestow on us.—I have, &c., T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

No. 23962 of *7th February* 1894.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for favour of communication to the Corporation.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 23962, dated 7th February 1894, from the Commissioner, forwarding letter from the Health Officer, No. 32392, dated 3rd ultimo."

No. 13414.

Carried by 26 votes *against* 1 vote.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Budrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

No. 13415. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 12524, dated 21st February 1894, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 1,727 to the debit of unappropriated cash balance to meet the amounts payable to officers and servants of the Health Department for their services during the riots, August, 1893, as under :—

"Inspector T. Glover, Rs. 250 ; Inspector A. Hallums. Rs. 250 ; Inspector J. M. Desmier, Rs. 175 ; Inspector J. Powell, Rs. 225 ; Inspector J. Ringrow, Rs. 200 ; Inspector A. P. Dawes, Rs. 175 ; Inspector J. C. DeSouza, Rs. 150 ; Sub-Inspector G. Webb, Rs. 70 ; Sub-Inspector W. H. Harris, Rs. 70 ; Sub-Inspector W. R. Mowforth, Rs. 70 ; Sub-Inspector Kanoba Bahiroba, Rs. 25 ; Stable Muccadum Tookaram Ziloo, Rs. 15 ; Stable Muccadum Raghoo Babaji, Rs. 15 ; Section Muccadum Shaik Ali Esmail, Rs. 12 ; Cemetery Clerk Bane Khan Manwar Khan, Rs. 25."

Carried by 22 votes *against* 1 vote.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Budrudin bin Abdulla Kur, Esq.—

No. 13416. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 11014, dated 24th January 1894, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 250, from surplus cash balance, on account of charges in connection with the presentation of address to Dadabhai Navroji, Esq., M. P., in the Town Hall on the 11th idem."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 13417. "That the Corporation approve of the transfer of Rs. 1,154-13-7, from savings in the grant for cemeteries, V., stores, firewood, to Accounts and expenditure, audit establishment, section 1, office establishment, superior staff, to meet allowance payable to officers appointed to act during the absence of the Chief

Accountant on privilege leave from 22nd January to 19th March 1894, as under :—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Mr. W. Pearson at Rs. 466-10-8 per mensem as per article 125 of the Civil Service Regulations	903	3	9
„ T. Glover @ Rs. 100 per mensem ...	193	8	10
„ Burjorji Framji @ Rs. 30 per mensem ...	58	1	0
Total Rs. ...	1,154	13	7"

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 13418. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 11947, dated 7th February 1894, sanction be given to the employment, from 1st March 1894, of two Police Ramosies on a salary of Rs. 11 each a month, one for day duty and one for night duty, at the bullock hospital, Sankli Street.

"The cost to be debited to unappropriated surplus balance."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by R. H. Vincent, Esq.—

No. 13419. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 12222, dated 14th February 1894, sanction be given to the continuance of the employment of two Maistries on Rs. 35 and Rs. 30 per month each for the Colaba sewerage works and to the employment of two Maistries on Rs. 35 and Rs. 30 per month each for the Umarkhari sewerage works. The cost to be met from the grants for the respective works."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.—

No. 13420. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 11954, dated 7th February 1894, sanction be given to the grant of Rs. 2,935-5-0 from savings in the grant for water-supply fittings, Municipal Office, to meet the cost of alterations

and additions to the electric light fittings, &c., of the office and other minor works in connection with the alterations."

Carried by 13 votes *against* 2 votes.

With reference to the Standing Committee's resolution No. 12520 of 21st ultimo (item No. 14 on the agenda paper) sanctioning, subject to the approval of the Corporation, the transfer of Rs. 2,225-14-0 to meet excesses over the contract rates of Messrs. Richardson & Cruddas for certain works in connection with the Municipal Offices, the Commissioner pointed out that a transfer in this case was not needed, as with the sanction of the Standing Committee the excesses could be met out of the contingent provision of the various works which had been exceeded. It was then—

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta, seconded by Dinsha E. Wacha, Esq.—

No. 13421. "That the resolution of the Standing Committee No. 12520, dated 21st February 1894, be sent back to the Committee for reconsideration."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

No. 13422. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 12223, dated 14th February 1894, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 250 for the purchase of coal and stores to work the hydraulic lift of the Municipal office up to the end of the current financial year. The cost to be met from the savings, Rs. 600-3-6,* in the grant for the lift and fire service establishment.

"That the Standing Committee be requested in future to give details of the savings from which it is proposed to meet the cost of additional grants."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 13423. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 12522, dated 21st February 1894, sanction be given to the refund of

* On the proposal of the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta the figures, Rs. 600-3-6, were inserted.

Rs. 333-5-4, being the amount of one month's rent to Mr. Bissessor Bindraban for the period he was disallowed the use of Municipal ground at Tardeo, pending the provision of fire hydrants on the spot.

"The cost to be debited to the instalments paid by him during the current year."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by D. A. D'Monte, Esq.—

"That the Corporation approve of the transfer of Rs. 5,925 from savings in the grant for (*a*) general supervision, I, salary of the Executive Engineer, surveyors and draftsmen; (*b*) Joint Schools' Committee Establishment; (*c*) charges on account of loans, commission to Bank of Bombay for payment of interest, to the grant for pensions and gratuities and compassionate allowance to meet excess due to the additional number of employés who retired on pension during 1893-94 and to grant for compassionate allowances payable to the families of employés who have died in the Municipal service."

Amendment proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozesha M. Mehta, seconded by Bhaishankar Nanabhai, Esq.—

"That resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 12513, dated 21st February, be referred back to the Committee, with a request that they will furnish the Corporation with the different figures in regard to both sides of the transfer."

No. 13424.

On a division, the *amendment* was *carried* as a substantive motion *by* 20 votes *against* 2 votes.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by S. Rebsch, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 11953, dated 7th February 1894, sanction be given to the expenditure of Rs. 4,704 for filling in the Mustan Tank, as the water thereof is very foul. The cost to be paid as an advance from unappropriated surplus balance to be adjusted out of savings on new works to be reported hereafter."

Lost, the votes being 11 *for* and 21 *against.*

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

No. 13426. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 11018, dated 24th January 1894, sanction be given to the amount of security to be furnished by the Record Keeper of the Chief Accountant's Office being fixed at Rs. 2,000.

"That the security to be so furnished be either deposit of cash or public securities or surety bonds from holders of immoveable property in Bombay or the guarantee of a company or association existing for the purpose of giving such guarantee."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

No. 13427. "That the following be *recorded* :—Letter No. 12770, dated 27th February 1894, from the Municipal Secretary, reporting Budget transfers sanctioned by the Standing Committee up to 21st idem, amounting to Rs. 971-13-9."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 1103 of 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 13*th February* 1894.

To H. W. BARROW, Esq., Municipal Secretary.

SIR,—In accordance with the terms of the Joint Schools Committee By-law 11, I have the honor, by direction of the Committee, to forward to you a copy of the School Fund Budget for the year 1894-95 as passed by the Committee at their meeting held on the 7th instant.—I have, &c.,

N. B. MASANI,
Secretary, Joint Schools Committee.

BUDGET ESTIMATE of the School Fund for the year 1894-95.

RECEIPTS.	Estimate for 1894-95.	Estimate for 1893-94.	Actuals for 1892-93.	Estimate for 1894-95 compared with 1893-94.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimate for 1894-95.	Estimate for 1893-94.	Actuals for 1892-93.	Estimate for 1894-95 compared with 1893-94.	
				Increase.	Decrease.					Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.	A.—SCHOOLS.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Balance on the 1st April	26,696	26,696	19,101 2 3	...	...	1. Head Masters and Teachers ...	53,124	51,449	49,671 10 6	1,675	...
2. Government Grant to Primary Education and Inspection	28,000	28,000	28,000 0 0	...	...	2. Servants	1,400	1,400	1,245 0 0	...	...
3. Fees from Municipal Schools ...	20,980	20,500	20,889 14 0	480	...	3. Rent	22,310	22,680	19,970 3 1	...	370
4. Contribution from the General Municipal Fund ...	59,135	58,532	55,220 0 0	603	...	4. Cost of Class Books	230	230	230 0 0	...	...
5. Government Grants-in-aid towards Buildings ...	...	...	.....	...	...	5. School Furniture	1,200	1,100	1,099 8 0	100	...
6. Interest on Endowments or Investments	600	600	598 0 0	...	...	6. Prizes	1,000	1,000	665 4 0	...	...
7. Miscellaneous ...	...	...	10 12 2	...	...	7. Contingencies and Miscellaneous.	2,420	2,420	1,755 1 6	...	...
						8. Scholarships in Schools	382	288	198 0 0	94	...
						9. Stipends of Students under training as Vernacular Teachers ...	820	820	591 10 8	...	...
						10. Inspectors' Establishment ...	6,229	5,695	5,157 11 1	534	...
						11. Grants-in-aid to Primary Schools.	19,500	20,000	16,057 9 6	...	500
						B.—BUILDINGS.					
						1. Municipal Original Works ...	...	...	.....	...	...
						2. Repairs to Municipal School-houses	100	550	481 11 3	...	450
						Balance on 31st March...	26,696	26,696	26,696 14 10	...	...
Total...Rs.	1,35,411	1,34,328	1,23,820 4 5	1,083	...	Total... Rs.	1,35,411	1,34,328	1,23,820 4 5	2,403	1,320

THE JOINT SCHOOLS COMMITTEE'S OFFICE,
BOMBAY, *7th February* 1894.

R. G. OXENHAM,
Chairman, Joint Schools Committee.

N. B. MASANI,
Secretary, Joint Schools Committee.

Memorandum showing how the estimated balance on the 1st April 1894 has been arrived at.

Actual balance on the 1st April 1893 ...	... Rs.	26,696
Add—Estimated receipts for 1893-94 ...	... „	1,07,632
	Rs.	1,34,328
Deduct—Estimated expenditure for 1893-94	... „	1,07,632
Estimated balance on 1st April 1894 ...	... Rs.	26,696

R. G. OXENHAM,
Chairman,
Joint Schools Committee.

N. B. MASANI,
Secretary,
Joint Schools Committee.

Proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham, seconded by Ardaseer D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :— Letter No. 1108, dated 13th February 1894, from the Secretary, Joint Schools' Committee, forwarding copy of the School Fund Budget for the year 1894-95 in accordance with the terms of By-law 11 of the Committee."

No. 13428.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 12511, dated 21st February 1894, sanction be given to the payment of Rs. 18-12-0 additional, as the area of land actually acquired on the west side of Vehar Lake is 9 acres and 1 guntha, instead of 8 acres and 30 gunthas as defined in the Corporation's resolution No. 4459, dated 7th August last. The cost to be met from unappropriated surplus balance."

No. 13429.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by A. G. Viegas, Esq.—

"That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 11951, dated 7th February 1894, sanction be given to the acquisition of 65·33 square yards or thereabout of land for the improvement of Cavel Wady as shown in yellow on the plan marked 'A,' dated this day, and filed in supplement to minute books. The cost Rs. 4,200 to be debited to the 15 Lakhs Loan for roads in Agripada and elsewhere."

No. 13430.

Carried.

At about 5 o'clock, the meeting adjourned, and the President fixed Thursday, the 15th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 15*th March* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 8th instant, and adjourned from that day), held this day, there were present—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ABDALLA M. DHARAMSI, Esq., B.A., LL.B.; ANANDRAO NARAYEN VASUDEO, Esq.; ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq., B.A.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BHAISHANKAR NANABHAI, Esq.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; C. H. BYRNE, Esq.; E. B. CARROLL, Esq., M.I.C.E.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALWAD, B.A., LL.B.; J. P. CORNFORTH, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTÉ, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA BOMONJI MASTER, Esq.; L.M. & S.; RAO SAHEB ELAPPA BALARAM; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZULBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; GOVARDHANDAS TEJPAL GOKULDAS, Esq.; W. R. HAMILTON, Esq.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; JAYA KARADI LINGU, Esq.; KAIKHOSHRO N. KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; MIRZA HOOSEIN KHAN, Esq.; MORESHWAR GOPAL DESHMUKH, Esq., M.D., B.A., B.SC.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M.& S.; NANU NARAYEN KOTHARE, Esq.; NAVROJI JEHANGIR GAMADIA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. R. G. OXENHAM, M.A.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; G. W. ROUGHTON, Esq.; SHIVAJI DHURMAJI, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; TRIBHOWANDAS VARJIWANDAS, Esq.; VANDRAWUNDAS PURSHOTUMDAS, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq.; L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th instant were signed.

An application made by Mr. Carroll, that priority be given to notice of motion from himself on the subject of road watering, was negatived.

On the application of the Commissioner it was agreed that the resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 13542, of the 14th instant be considered as urgent business.

It was then proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

No. 13578. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 13542, dated 14th instant, sanction be given to the acceptance of the following offers in respect of disused machinery, &c., at Love Grove and Carnac Bunder pumping stations:—(1) Love Grove pumping station—the offer of Rs. 20,000 for the sale of the old boilers and engines, Rs. 850 for the 18″ centrifugal pump, and Rs. 150 for portions of masonry; and (2) Carnac Bunder Depôt—of Rs. 2,500 for the disused engines."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Rai Bahadur Luchmon Sing—

No. 13579. "That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 23269, dated 31st January 1894, sanction be given, under section 291 of the Municipal Act, to the laying of the line for a through road 40′ wide between Cathedral Street and Fanaswadi as shown on the tracing marked A, dated this day, and filed in supplement to minute books."

Carried by 36 votes *against* 2 votes.

Proposed by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq., seconded by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq.—

No. 13580. "That the consideration of the following be postponed pending the statement of the question of the additions proposed by the Chief Engineer, N. D., to the School building :—Memorandum to the President, No. C.B.-5495, dated 4th December 1893, from the Acting Educational Inspector, C. D., forwarding Government Resolution No. 2604, Educational Department, dated 25th November 1893 (sanctioning the additional grant of Rs. 3,500 for the Bhuleshwar School), and stating that the grant cannot be paid until a deed has been executed. A draft of the deed unstamped should be submitted to his office for transmission to the Director of Public Instruction for the approval of Government."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 24405 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 13*th February* 1894.

THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—Referring to the resolution of the Corporation, No. 8973, of the 7th December last, I have the honor to report that necessary particulars on the notes of the Chief Engineer, Northern Division, were obtained, and the attached is a copy of the report from the Executive Engineer on the subject, from the 4th and 5th paras. of which it will be observed that, if the first floor be coated with patent stone and if the second floor be provided with a ceiling under it, there will be an additional outlay of Rs. 3,347. There can be no question as to adopting the views of the Government Engineers as to the strength of the beams, and this can be done without extra cost ; but on the question of the materials for a floor and the provision of a ceiling, inasmuch as the building when erected will be a Municipal

one, it seems to me a respectful request might be addressed to Government not to press these points, more particularly as the adoption of them will swallow up the whole of the additional grant made by Government except Rs. 153.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq., seconded by Ardasir F. Unwalla, Esq.—

"That, with reference to Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth's letter No. 2605, Educational Department, dated 25th November 1893, to the President, the President be requested to respectfully ask Government not to press for the alterations and additions in connection with the Bhuleshwar School proposed by the Chief Engineer, Northern Division, as, if the first floor were coated with patent stone and the second floor provided with a ceiling under it, there would be an additional outlay of Rs. 3,347, which would swallow up the whole of the additional grant made by Government except Rs. 153. No. 13581.

"That Government be at the same time informed that there will be no difficulty in adopting the views of the Government Engineers as to the strength of the beams."

Carried.

Read the following letter No. 117 of 1894, dated Bombay, 7th February 1894, to the Commissioner:—

SIR,—With reference to your letter No. 23442 of 1st February 1894, I have the honour to report that Mr. H. S. Paranjpe, one of the candidates selected for one of the Municipal free studentships at this college, is, in my opinion, unfit for the profession. He is a Brahmin and will not be likely to conform to the rules of the college, more especially when we consider that he will have to dissect and handle carcasses of dead cows, &c. I would therefore strongly recommend that another candidate be selected and would submit for favourable consideration the name of D. K. Gosla.—I have, &c., JAS. MILLS, Veterinary Captain, A.V.D., Principal, Bombay Veterinary College.

No. 24299 of 1893-94.

12th February 1894.

To THE PRINCIPAL, Bombay Veterinary College.

SIR,—In reference to your letter No. 117 of the 7th instant, I have the honour to enquire, before I report the matter to the Corporation, whether Mr. H. S. Paranjpe has expressed his unwillingness to conform to the rules of the college as described by

you. I presume he knew what he would have to do when he applied for the free studentship.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 147 of 1894.

PAREL, 13*th February* 1894.

To THE COMMISSIONER,

SIR,—With reference to your letter No. 24299 of 12th instant, I have the honour to state that, without wishing to go into details as to why a Brahmin can never be a satisfactory veterinary student, from close on 15 years' experience of this class of students, I consider them utterly unsuited for the profession, and they are nothing but a source of trouble and anxiety to any Principal who attempts to teach them. (2) No copy of the college rules was furnished to Mr. H. S. Paranjpe before he reported himself at this office on 5th instant, since when he has attended no classes.—I have, &c., JAS. MILLS, Veterinary Capt., A. V. D., Principal, Bombay Veterinary College.

No. 24940 of 1894.

19*th February* 1894.

Copies forwarded to the Corporation. The free studentship having been conferred, the Commissioner does not see how it can be revoked. He does not see why a Brahmin should not have a fair chance if he chooses to do the work.

Proposed by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq., seconded by Nanu N. Kothare, Esq.—

"That, with reference to his memorandum No. 24940, dated 19th February 1894, the Commissioner be informed that the Corporation concur with him in the opinion that there is no reason to alter their decision in the selection of Mr. Hari S. Paranjpe for a free studentship in the Veterinary College."

No. 13582.

Carried.

Read the following :—

No. 1052 OF 1894.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY, 14*th February* 1894.

To THE PRESIDENT, Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter No. 6377, dated the 19th October 1893, I am directed to forward to you for the information of the Corporation the accompanying copy of a resolution of Government No. 1051, dated this day, directing a correction to be made in Government Resolution No. 6376, dated the 10th October 1893, regarding free quarters for the members of the Bombay City Police. —I have, &c., C. H. A. HILL, for Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 1051.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 14th February 1894.

Letter from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, No. 7038—6, dated the 2nd November 1893—Enquiring, with reference to Government Resolution No. 6376, dated the 10th October 1893, whether the word "additional" has not been omitted between the words "an" and "estimated" in the Resolution. Stating that in the statement submitted by Colonel Wilson to the Bombay City Police Increase Committee, the sum of Rs. 1,170 per mensem or Rs. 14,040 per annum was shown as an increase on the old scale of rates sanctioned for quarters of the European Constabulary, and requesting, therefore, that the necessary correction may be made in the Resolution above referred to.

RESOLUTION.—The words "increase in the" should be inserted between the words "estimated" and "annual" in Government Resolution No. 6376, dated the 10th October 1893.

C. H. A. HILL,
Under Secretary to Government.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Letter from Mr. Acting Secretary Whitworth to the President, No. 1052, Judicial Department, dated 14th February 1894, forwarding Government Resolution No. 1051, same department, same date, requesting that a verbal correction be made in Resolution No. 6376, dated 10th October 1893, regarding free quarters for the members of the Bombay City Police."

No. 13583.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 1363 OF 1894.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 22nd February 1894.

To THE PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
Bombay.

SIR,—I am directed to forward herewith, in continuation of my letter No. 6367, dated 10th October 1893, a copy of the report of the Committee appointed by Government Resolution No. 7251, dated 18th November 1893, to consider the proposals of the Commissioner of Police for an increase to the Bombay City Police, together with the various separate minutes appended to it.

2. With reference thereto, I am to state that this Government have addressed the Government of India on the subject and have asked for the whole increase recommended by the majority of the

'Committee. The Governor in Council has recommended the adoption of those proposals in their entirety, because he deems such an increase not only justified but demanded by recent events, apart from such necessity as has been shown to exist by the information contained in Statements I and II attached to the Committee's report. Further, in addressing the Government of India, the Governor in Council has not overlooked the alternative to such a large increase of mounted police as is asked for, namely, the posting of cavalry permanently in Bombay. This alternative has, however, on mature consideration, been rejected, because cavalry could not be used for ordinary police duties and because the difficulty of providing suitable ground for a parade ground and for lines, and the possibility of the withdrawal of the cavalry whenever required for military purposes, furnish practical objections to the adoption of any such measure.

3. In conclusion, I am to state that, should the Corporation have any observations to make on the proposals of this Government, they shall be forwarded to the Government of India for consideration, as will also the Honourable Mr. Mehta's minute of dissent as soon as it is received.—I have, &c.,

G. C. WHITWORTH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. $\frac{5580}{6}$ OF 1893.

To THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department, Bombay.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Bombay, 10th September 1893.

SIR,—The very serious disturbances between the Musalmans and Hindus of the town, which broke out on the 11th of August and lasted with unabated vigour for three days, have, I think, fully proved, were proof still needed, that the Police Force of Bombay is utterly inadequate, and that it cannot be expected to cope with an outbreak on even a much smaller scale than the one with which we have lately had to deal. The recent riots, it will be remembered, were not finally quelled for four days; and they cost the lives, as far as can be ascertained up to date, of—

46 Musalmans,
33 Hindus, and
1 Jew,

while more than 600 persons, chiefly of both races, received more or less serious injuries. No less than 33 Musalman mosques and 60 Hindu temples (all, however, minor places of worship) were destroyed during the riots; and property valued at Rs. 2,64,980 was looted partly by the rioters, but more so by ordinary budmashes, who took advantage of the confusion and consternation of the people.

2. Within 2½ hours from the beginning of the outbreak, I had some of the troops which garrison Bombay stationed in different parts of the City; but the strain being too great, the Military had to

be strengthened by the Artillery, the rest of the Infantry, the Bombay Volunteers, the Bombay Light Horse and all available Europeans and Natives of Her Majesty's ships of war and of the Royal Indian Marine which were in harbour during the night of Friday the 11th and the morning of the 12th.

3. There being no apparent diminution of the turbulence, I had to ask for reinforcements from Poona, and during Saturday the 12th and Sunday the 13th one more European regiment, another Native regiment, and 300 sabres of Native Cavalry came to our aid. It was only with all these troops, aggregating perhaps some 3,000 men, that it became possible to put an end to the riots.

4. Though practically subdued by Monday the 14th, the feeling of animosity between the Musalmans and Hindus was such that the slightest relaxation of vigilance or a diminution of the numerous Military posts in all parts of the town would have sufficed to bring about a renewal of disturbances, and it has been therefore necessary to proceed very gradually with the withdrawal of the troops.

5. The first regiment could only be permitted to return to Poona on the night of the 4th of September, the others and 100 sabres of the 2nd Lancers following some days afterwards. Two hundred sabres of the 2nd Lancers it will be necessary to retain for some time longer.

6. Besides the Military reinforcements, the Inspector-General of Police also sent to my aid the following detachments of armed foot Police :—

	Officers.	Men.
Poona	1	40
Ahmednagar	1	39
Satárá	1	39
Sholápur	1	24
Bijápur	1	34
Násik	1	29
Thána	1	40

7. Up to the present time I have found it necessary to keep up six Military and armed District Police posts in various parts of the town, besides two patrols of the Lancers.

8. I am now approaching the completion of what I hope will be the final report regarding this deplorable outbreak ; but I consider that I should not allow another day to pass without asking Government to take into consideration the state and condition of the Bombay City Police, with the view of securing for it such an increase as would place the Officer in charge in a position to quell, or at all events to check for a time, disturbances of the kind which have lately occurred, which have occurred on four previous occasions, *viz.*, 1835, 1851, 1872, and 1874, and which with the turbulent elements in our midst may occur again at any moment.

9. It cannot be relied upon that the Military will always be able to respond so promptly, as they did on this occasion, to our call for help. There may be simultaneous disturbances in other parts of the

Presidency ; there may happen to be some Military expedition on foot, making it impossible to send even one soldier to our assistance ; and if such had been the case on the 11th of August 1893, I tremble to think what would have been the fate of Bombay.

10. It is not possible to make an accurate estimate of the number of rioters whom we had to contend with ; but at a rough guess we had to deal, first and last, with about 5,000 Musalmáns and about 15,000 to 20,000 Hindus.

11. On the morning of the 11th only 1,500 policemen, after deducting those in hospital and on leave, were available for duty, and with these I had to protect the whole town (22 square miles) besides the Harbour and Docks, and two-thirds of these had been on duty since 4 P.M. on the previous day.

12. Knowing where the outbreak was likely to occur, I had assembled 18 Europeans and 240 natives round about the Jumma Musjid (I could not collect more without seriously endangering other parts of the town), and with these men, armed with policemen's batons only, and some 20 sowars, I tried to nip the outbreak in the bud.

13. About 2 P.M. there was a short lull, and I thought we had conquered ; but like wildfire the riot spread from street to street and all the long pent-up hatred between the Musalmans and Hindus broke forth, and all hope of subduing, with the Police under my command, the rioters had then to be abandoned.

14. The few Europeans and a couple of hundred Native policemen, tired out with the preceding night's duties and vigil, and practically unarmed, were no match for the thousands of rioters, who assaulted us with stones from safe distances or from house-tops, &c., and who had armed themselves with sticks and heavy bludgeons.

15. My men fought hard and loyally, but we would have been at the mercy of the infuriated mobs of Musalmans and Hindus had not the Military come so promptly to our assistance.

16. I have gone into this matter at some length, in order to illustrate the weakness of my resources, and I would now only refer to what the late Sir Frank Souter wrote when asking for an increase, and what Colonels Wise and Wilson (his successors) urged with so much reason and so much force in their letters which are before Government, namely, that there are two pressing needs in the Bombay Police :—

(*a*) a large numerical increase (beyond what has been sanctioned from the 1st of this month), and

(*b*) the erection of the Head-quarter Office in the locality set apart for that purpose many years ago, and in the vicinity of which all the serious riots which ever happened in Bombay have invariably commenced.

17. As regards the increase now granted of 5 Europeans and 285 Natives, it will suffice to repeat what Colonel Wilson and other officers have said so frequently about the overwork and its consequences to the men, namely, that "the duty is, however, done at the cost of prematurely aging the rank and file and of sending so many of the

superior officers to hospital from exposure and extra work," and to refer to the remarks of His Excellency the Governor in paragraph 7 of Government Resolution No. 3950 of the 28th June 1893. The increase now given will or should therefore be used—not so much to augment our outposts, patrols and beats—but in some measure to reduce the hours of duty which I am now compelled to exact from both Europeans and Natives.

18. If it is remembered that every European in the Bombay Police Force has to be on duty every day in the year and has to be on regular night rounds four times in the week, and has besides this to attend to every call for duty, which I have known to be 17 in one single night, and if it is further borne in mind that every Native Police Officer does eight months' night duty out of twelve, and is on day duty for the remaining four months, it will not be gainsaid that the strength of every man in the Force is overtaxed and that in no other Department of the State—Civil or Military—would such a state of things be tolerated or accepted.

19. The Inspector-General of Police has sent me a few days ago a statement setting forth the strength of the Police according to the scale about to be sanctioned by Government for the chief towns of the districts in this Presidency.

20. I have elaborated that statement in some respects so as to show how very much better off all those towns are as regards Police protection than the City of Bombay. I do not, of course, deny that the comparison is not an absolutely correct one, for the force at head-quarters in those towns may have to be made available on occasions for extra duty in the interior of the district; but practically it comes to this, that there is not one of those towns which is in so helpless a condition as regards Police protection as Bombay.

21. Under 18 (*a*) of the annexed comparative statement the gross strength and under 18 (*b*) the net strength available in Bombay has been shown, the difference being the number of men of the Harbour Division and of the three Docks. These men do duty afloat or within the walls of the Docks and cannot therefore be taken into account in a comparative statement as regards town duties proper.

22. I might further reduce the numbers as regards Bombay by deducting at least 200 men who have to devote their attention solely to the regulation of the enormous traffic in this city, a duty which is almost non-existent in the other towns mentioned. But I have included these in the figures against 18 (*b*), and the result shows that Bombay has—

1 *unarmed* foot policeman to 493 of the population;

while the proportion varies in the other towns from

1 to 311 in Ahmedabad and
1 to 47 in Kaira,

and of these on an average one-fifth of the total is *armed* with Schneider carbines.

23. As regards Mounted Police, Bombay is again in a much worse condition than almost every other district town, the figures showing that in this city there is one sowar to 24,382 of inhabitants

while in the district towns it varies from 1 to 3,367 in Kaira to 1 to 38,473 in Poona, which is the only place with a higher figure than Bombay. I would also invite attention to the following comparative statement of the Police Forces of Bombay and Calcutta :—

	Foot Police (new organisation).	Mounted Police.	Total.
Bombay	1,905	33	1,938
Calcutta	2,851	22	2,873

The comparison is somewhat imperfect, as even in his annual report for 1892 the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, was not in a position to give the population of the suburbs.

24. In Mr. Giles' report, dated Calcutta the 16th August 1887, he gives the population of Bombay as 773,196 and of Calcutta suburbs and port as 684,658. These figures are from the census for 1881, and show an excess of 88,538 as regards Bombay.

25. According to the census of 1891 the town of Calcutta had a population of 466,450 against 405,019 in 1881, or an advance of 61,431, and giving the suburbs a corresponding increase, we would arrive at a total of, say, 750,000 inhabitants for Calcutta and suburbs at the last census against 804,604 for Bombay : so that the latter has still the advantage by 54,000 as regards population.

26. As regards crime, there is again some difficulty in comparing the 2 towns, for the Calcutta returns for 1892 contain no less than 15,026 more cognizable offences than those of Bombay, but taking serious offences under the Indian Penal Code alone, Bombay has an excess of 589 cases.

27. This is in direct contradiction of what Mr. Giles says at page 14, paragraph 57, that the Bombay Superintendents "have not so much serious crime to deal with" as those of Calcutta. Whatever the figures were upon which he based his dictum, the fact is that serious crime in Bombay exceeds that of Calcutta, as is shown by the following figures for 1892 :—

Indian Penal Code.	Calcutta.	Bombay.
Class I	43	18
„ II	271	246
„ III	207	288
„ IV	78	30
„ V	2,677	3,283
Total ...	3,276	3,865

28. I cannot quite account for the enormous difference in the minor offences, which compare as follows :—

	Calcutta.	Bombay.
Class VI	8,880	426
Miscellaneous ...	23,451	16,290
Total ...	32,331	16,716

or roughly double the number in Calcutta than in Bombay.

29. The three principal items responsible are :—

	Calcutta.	Bombay.
Public and local nuisances	4,914	71
Street or Police Act offences	10,037	5,570
Port and Marine Acts	2,836	124
Cruelty to animals	7,712	3,079
Total ...	25,499	8,844

It is not improbable that this enormous difference is partly due to the fact that Calcutta has 59 European and 876 Native Police Officers more than Bombay even after including the recent addition, and that the Calcutta Police is therefore in a position to take up so many more of these cases.

30. I can only say that if Bombay were equally favoured as regards numerical strength, the annual returns of future years would undoubtedly exhibit for our city a corresponding increase in such cases. That the necessity for more vigorous action exists will not be denied by any one who knows the inner parts of the city; but with an utterly inadequate force it is simply impossible to work the men harder than is done already.

31. I hope, then, that I have made it patent that the Bombay Constabulary is seriously undermanned, and as we have in this city perhaps a more dangerous population to deal with than in any other town in India, I trust that Government will see its way to put us at all events on a level with the towns that I have mentioned.

32. We have had during the last 50 years five serious riots—those of 1835, 1852, 1872, 1874, and 1893. Each one of them has cost the city serious loss of life and property, and it cannot be known when the next storm will break out.

33. During the last 20 years the mill industry in Bombay has made enormous strides, and we have now in this city about 60,000 able-bodied mill-hands, many of whom took part in the recent disturbances. They have been out on strike before this, and some thousands are just now again on the eve of striking, and how to control them even when there is no general riot is at all times a matter of great difficulty.

34. I have, therefore, the honour to recommend the following increase to the Bombay Police :—

(*a*) 20 Europeans.
(*b*) 117 Native Constables (Mounted).
(*c*) 150 Armed Native Constables (Foot).

Of those under (*a*), five should be attached to the Mounted force as follows :—

1 Commandant with the rank of 1st grade Inspector on a salary of Rs. 200 per mensem and Rs. 50 for the keep of one horse.
2 Inspectors, 3rd grade, on a salary of Rs. 140 and Rs. 40 each for the keep of a horse.
2 Constables on a salary of Rs. 120 each and Rs. 40 for the keep of a horse.

The remainder (15) to be employed strictly as a Reserve Force and to draw the following salaries :—

		Rs.	
1	Inspector on	200	
1	Do.	175	
2	Do.	140	each.
5	Constables	120	„
6	Do.	110	„

B.—Natives (Mounted).

		Pay.	Horse Allowance.	
1	Risáldár ...	70	30	
1	Jamedár ...	50	30	
5	Dafedárs ...	25	30	each
4	Náiks ...	20	30	„
2	Farriers ...	20	30	„
1	Trumpeter ...	20	30	„
2	Drill Masters ...	20	30	„
101	Sowárs ...	14	30	„

C.—Native Foot (Armed).

			Rs.	
1	Subhedár	at ...	100	
1	Jamedár,	1st class, ...	70	
2	Do.	2nd do ...	50	each.
2	Do.	3rd do. ...	30	„
3	Haváldárs,	1st do. ...	25	„
4	Do.	2nd do. ...	20	„
5	Do	3rd do. ...	16	„
12	Constables,	1st do. ...	14	„
20	Do.	2nd do. ...	13	„
40	Do.	3rd do. ...	12	„
60	Do	4th do. ...	11	„

35. I would also recommend that the lower ranks of the Mounted Police, including the men already entertained, be armed with lance, sword and carbine, and that the Europeans and Native Officers (Risáldár and Jamedárs) be armed with swords and revolvers.

36. All other European Officers to be armed with revolvers also, and the armed branch of the Native Police with Schneider carbines and sword-bayonets like those in the district.

37. The horses and saddlery for the Mounted European Officers must, of course, be found by Government; the Native Mounted Police would be on the Silledár system.

38. With a force thus increased and reconstituted it would be possible for the Bombay Police to discharge the manifold duties of prevention and detection of offences and crimes, of preventing ordinary disturbances, and regulating the enormous traffic in this ever-growing city in the way it should be done, and in which it has never been practicable to attempt it even.

39. Compared to Calcutta the numerical strength is still less by 648 men; against this, however, I must put, of course, the more costly increase of 117 Mounted Police to the Bombay Police, which—if converted into Foot Police—would bring our numbers up

to about the same as Calcutta—all but the European Constabulary, wherein Calcutta would retain a numerical superiority of 39 officers.

40. Why I have recommended so large an increase in the Mounted Police is that, in my opinion, in all disturbances 6 sowárs are equal to at least (24) twenty-four foot policemen; they could reach a given point in one-fourth of the time, and this alone cannot be valued too highly. But in other respects also—such as night patrols in outlying districts, for regulating traffic, &c.—one mounted man can do more than 4 men on foot. It should also be borne in mind that it is cheaper to house and clothe 117 mounted men than 468 foot policemen, and finally there comes the cost of pension. This would amount—in round figures—as regards the former to, say, Rs. 820 per mensem against Rs. 2,400, so that, in a manner of speaking, the greater outlay of to-day would be met by smaller cost of to-morrow.

41. I had it at one time in my mind to ask that in lieu of an increase to the mounted branch a Native regiment of cavalry be stationed in Bombay; but, apart from this that it would only be available on emergencies and would always have to remain strictly under the command of its own Military Officers, I fear that the proposal would not have the approval of Government in the Military Department on other grounds. And, again, the arrangement would be open to the very serious objection that in case of a war or for other reasons the regiment would be wanted for field service at a time when Bombay would have the greatest possible need of its services.

42. The subsidiary question of quarters for the additional Europeans and stabling for the Mounted Police I have not gone into.

43. The former—forming the Reserve—would have to be accommodated, as in Calcutta, at head-quarters, and the Mounted Police would have to be located in 3 places, say 75 at head-quarters, 50 at Byculla, and 25 at Dádar. Room for building stables is, I think, available in all 3 localities, and the plot of ground near the Arthur Crawford Markets would be large enough to admit of building thereon quarters for the additional European Police Officers and for the armed Reserve.

44. I beg to attach the usual proposition statement, and would, in conclusion, once more ask that Government will be pleased to give this matter its most early consideration.—I have, &c.,

R. H. VINCENT,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

To the SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department, Bombay.

23rd December 1893.

Sir,—We have the honour to submit our Report on the points referred to us for consideration and opinion under Government Resolution No. 7251 of the 18th November 1893.

2. The matters referred for our consideration are the arguments advanced by the Commissioner of Police in favour of an increase to the City Police over and above the increase recently sanctioned by Her Majesty's Secretary of State. The points referred for our opinion are the additions which seem to us necessary in the strength of the European and of the Mounted and Armed Native Police.

3. The more technical considerations advanced by the Commissioner of Police are in the main the same as those which led the Committee of 1890 to recommend an increase of 600 men. They are briefly these—

(1) That compared with leading European cities and in India with Calcutta, Karachi and most other towns of importance, the Bombay proportion of Police to population is insufficient;

(2) That the present Police are over-worked and that some considerable lightening of the existing pressure of duty is necessary;

(3) That the regulation of street traffic and of public entertainments are important Police duties, which, without further considerable increase, the present force cannot undertake.

4. Though in these professional details the case put by the Commissioner of Police is to a considerable extent the same as the case put in 1890 by his predecessor Colonel Wilson, it is to be remembered that, apart from the recent disturbances, the pressure of ordinary overwork has of late years kept steadily growing. So great has the pressure become that, as shown in the accompanying Distribution Statement No. I, except when on leave, in every year each European does 365 days and at least 200 nights duty, and each Native 120 days and 240 nights duty. Festivals and other holidays, public meetings, and public and private entertainments add to these ordinary duties. We are satisfied that so excessive a demand on the energies of the force is neither just nor advisable.

5. How greatly street traffic stands in need of more active Police supervision than with the present strength can be attempted, is shown by the fact that in spite of the crowds who use the tram cars during the past 10 years, while the number of hack bullock conveyances has fallen only from 432 to 400, private carriages have increased from 2,674 to 4,153, hack horse conveyances from 472 to 841, and labour carts from 4,488 to 6,640. During the same period the number of street accidents has risen from 318 to 624. In the face of these figures, of which details are given in the accompanying Traffic and Conveyance Statement No. II, it is plain that without considerably adding to the present force no attempt to regulate street traffic can prove successful. After careful consideration we are of opinion that on each of the three points noted above, the statistics and arguments put forward by the Commissioner of Police establish the conclusion that, even after the addition recently sanctioned by Her Majesty's Secretary of State, some considerable increase in the Bombay Police is still urgent.

6. Certain other more general considerations connected with the recent riots are referred to by the Commissioner of Police, and emphasised in the appended Minute by Mr. Cotton, whose absence from Bombay has prevented his signing this report. These considerations are :—

(1) However moderate may be the increase in the nominal total of population recorded in the Census of 1881 and 1892, during the past 20 years the increase in the permanent population of Bombay has been remarkable;

(2) During the past 20 years the difficulties of the Police have grown out of proportion to the increase of population, because a population which was almost confined to six or seven miles is now spread over an area of twenty ;

(3) The recent great increase in the North Indian element in the permanent population—among Musalmans of disorderly and turbulent Afghans and Pathans, and of bigoted Julahas or handloom weavers—and among Hindus of Purbhaya or Bhaya watchmen and weight-carriers, bullies and quarrel-raisers, is, for Police purposes, a change of serious moment;

(4) The banding of bodies of mill-hands from 500 to 1,500 strong, their associating in factories, in many cases their living together in large barrack-like *chals*, are conditions under which this very large section of the population are a constant cause of Police anxiety, and by their recently acquired susceptibility to exciting and unsettling influences, are likely to prove a source of public danger.

7. We are satisfied that these considerations are of grave practical importance. We hold the recent riots prove that to a very serious extent the great mill-hand population of Bombay has already come under influences which, unless over-awed by liberal additions to the Police, especially in the northern sections of the island, will make them a constant menace to the peace and security of Bombay.

8. Under these circumstances we have the honour to record the opinion that, considering how widely scattered the members of this branch of the Police must always be, and how essential they are to hold together and lead the Natives in any time of disturbance, the full increase of twenty to the European Police recommended by the Commissioner of Police is necessary and should be sanctioned. We are equally in agreement that the addition of 117 Mounted Native constables is necessary. This increase, with the existing contingent of thirty-three, will form a mounted force 150 strong. Our convictions of the necessity of an efficient Mounted Police in any time of disquiet would by itself have led us to recommend the full increase to a strength of 150. The additional considerations in favour of the employment of mounted rather than of foot police in patrolling, in regulating street traffic, and in other ordinary duties, confirm our opinion of the permanent advantage of a large Mounted Corps.

9. With reference to the proposal of the Commissioner of Police to add 150 armed Native constables, we are of opinion that, if in accordance with the views of Government the armed Police are employed solely on guard and escort duty, the care which is taken to draft out of Bombay the more dangerous class of prisoners will permit of a considerable reduction in the strength of the force actually under arms. At the same time, while we think it may be sufficient that one half or 75 of the 150 additional Foot Police are actually under arms on escort and sentry duty at the Police Magistrates' Courts and at the Police head quarters, it is in our opinion advisable that the remaining 75 of the 150 should be trained to the use of arms.

10. We would further recommend as suitable the Commissioner's proposals that the Mounted Police should be supplied with swords and the armed guard and escort Police with the smooth-bore breach-loading Snider carbine which has been decided by the Supreme Government to be the proper fire-arm for Police.

11. In conclusion we would record the opinion that the increase in Police required to meet the existing conditions of Bombay is such addition to the present strength as, without overburdening the taxpayer with a special surplus force calculated to be able to put down uncontrolled and widespread rioting, will secure an efficient reserve capable of crushing the first signs and movements of disorder. Considering the proved overwork of the present force, the growing burden of their ordinary duties, the augmented power of the influences that make for disorder, and that in proportion to population the strength now recommended is not in excess of the present strength in Calcutta or in Karachi, we are of opinion that the increase asked for by the Commissioner is necessary and is moderate. At the same time the care with which the present estimates have been framed, their agreement with the well-reasoned recommendations of the 1890 Committee, and the considerations that if, then available, the reserve now provided would have sufficed to crush the first outbreak of recent disorder, seem to us a guarantee that the increase asked for is sufficient.—We have, &c.,

W. T. BUDGEN, Brig.-Genl.,
Chairman of Committee.
J. M. CAMPELL,
Collector of Bombay.
C. P. COOPER,
Chief Presidency Magistrate and Revenue Judge.
AGA AKBAR SHAH.
R. H. VINCENT,
Acting Commissioner of Police.
C. DOUGLAS.
VIJBHUCANDAS ATMARAM
(With the modifications mentioned in my Note appended herewith).

MINUTE BY MR. COTTON.

When in October last I accepted the invitation of Government to become a member of the Police Increase Committee, I was not aware that private affairs would necessitate my being away from Bombay during the months of December and January. As it is more than probable that the Committee will forward their report before my return, I beg to submit my views in writing to the Committee, with a request that, should the Committee report before I return to Bombay, they will be good enough to approve of this memorandum being added to their report.

The Commissioner of Police having kindly placed his Increase File at my disposal, I have been able to make myself acquainted with all that has been written on the question of increasing the City Police Force during the period current from 15th March 1889 to date. As a member of the Committee appointed by the Corporation on the 2nd of February and 5th of May 1892 to report on the increase then proposed, I strongly advocated the proposed increase, and urged upon the Committee the desirability of placing the entire responsibility of providing a sufficient and efficient Police force to the city upon Government. In advocating the then proposed increase of the City Police, I did so with the full knowledge that the increased cost would fall upon the tax-payers of the city, and that I myself should have to contribute my quota through my firm, who represent the owners of taxable property in the city valued at Rs. 112 lakhs. I mention the above to show the spirit in which I approach the consideration of letters Nos. 5580—6 and 5602—6, asking for a further increase of the City Police, and which letters are submitted to the Committee to report upon, as regards the proposed increase in the number of European and of Mounted and Armed Police.

The Commissioner of Police recommends that the Police force should be increased by—

20 European Officers.
117 Mounted Native Constables,
150 Foot Armed Constables,

and states as one of his reasons for asking for this proposed increase that the lamentable riots of August 11th clearly demonstrated the utter inadequacy of the Police Force to cope with an outbreak much smaller than the one they were called upon to suppress. The Commissioner also points out that the Police Force is much overworked, and shows that, while Calcutta finds it necessary to maintain a force of 2,873 men, Bombay with a slightly larger and certainly a more turbulent population, has even with the late increase only 1,938 men. The Commissioner gives it as his opinion that in case of any street disturbance of a violent nature six mounted men are as effective as twenty-four foot Police, and that therefore his recommendation for more mounted men would give a maximum of efficiency for a minimum of cost. I am of opinion that the Committee

should recommend Government to sanction in full the increased force advocated by the Commissioner of Police. To my mind the City Police, even with the addition recently sanctioned by Government, are inadequate for the ordinary duties required of the force, in the prevention and detection of crime, in controlling the very large traffic of the city, and in quelling disturbance which from the heterogeneousness of the population, Bombay is peculiarly liable to. Further, as pointed out by the Commissioner, we have now, comparatively speaking, a new factor to deal with in the industrial population drawn from all parts of India, who, from community of interest in work, have potentialities for organised mischief if so disposed, not hitherto existing on so large a scale. The recent riots clearly proved what a powerful factor for mischief the Bombay mill-hand might become. In previous disturbances in Bombay the mill-hand did not exist and had not to be counted with.

I am disposed to think that, had the Bombay City Police Force been as strong as it is now recommended to be, the disturbance, serious though it was, which took place on August 11th would have been put down on that day ; and the loss to the city, which cannot be estimated by lakhs of rupees, would have been avoided.

To those unconnected with trade it is difficult to understand the disorganisation which resulted in every branch of business from the recent riots. Perhaps, when I state that it is only within the last month that the mill-hands have really become settled again, some idea of the general effect of the riots on the bulk of the population can be better understood. But what has been is nothing to what might have been had not His Excellency the Governor been prompt in despatching reinforcements. As a Special Magistrate appointed to Dádar, I had many opportunities of seeing how inflammable the mill-hands were, and how difficult it was, with all the forces at our disposal, to prevent rapine and murder, leaving alone the restoration of confidence amongst the affected communities. The safety and peacefulness of the city are of such paramount importance that no question of cost should, I submit, be permitted to prevent Bombay from having a Police Force equal, not only to the ordinary duties required of it, but also able to so cope with any disturbance as to prevent its attaining to the dimensions of a riot and to make it unnecessary to call for the assistance of the Military.

My opinion in short is that the Civil Force available should be augmented to a point which would enable it to deal with any civil disturbance, and as the increase recommended by the Commissioner will, in his opinion, be sufficient for this purpose, it appears to me that the Committee should recommend that the increase be sanctioned.

In conclusion I would say that I do not feel qualified to offer any opinion upon the arming of the men or the stabling of the horses.

G. COTTON.

Bombay, 7th December 1893.

MINUTE BY MR. DOUGLAS.

I have carefully read over the recommendations of the Commissioner of Police and have also studied the reports of former Committees appointed to consider the question, as well as the letter from the Chairman of the Municipal Corporation. One point which must strike any one reading these papers is that the inadequacy of the Police Force has been recognized for years, and that, if the increase now asked for is granted, it will only be carrying out the recommendations of former Committees. The wisdom of these recommendations has been shown by recent events, but it is most unfortunate that those responsible for the safety of the city should have waited for such a painful illustration of the necessity.

The arguments advanced by the Commissioner appear to me to be in themselves sufficient justification for the increase asked for, but, if further facts were wanted, my own observations have led me to the same conclusion. I have been a resident of Bombay for 28 years, during which time I have seen the city expanding from year to year and miles of what was once barren ground, converted into a great industrial centre. If the city is to be properly protected, this growth must be taken into consideration both as regards population and area. This has not been done in the past, and the result has been that the duties of the Police have yearly become heavier without any increase in the force. Under any circumstances this must be dangerous, but it is made especially so by the fact that the increase in the population largely consists of men of more turbulent disposition than the ordinary Bombay native. The recent riots have shown us what these men are capable of and the necessity of holding them in control. I am convinced that the only way of doing this is to provide the Commissioner with a reserve force which will enable him to at once place a strong body of men where they are wanted without drawing them from their usual beats where they are wanted at all times, but more especially so when there is a feeling of disturbance abroad. Prevention is at all times better than cure, and I am convinced that 100 such men at the commencement of a riot would be worth a thousand a few hours later. I was much struck with a remark made by the Honorable Mr. Pherozshah Mehta at one of our meetings. He asked the Commissioner what would have been the result if no troops had been available last August? I said that, if such had been the case, we probably would not have been here to discuss the question. And his reply was that this was the very point he wished to prove, as he held that no Police Force he could provide would be sufficient to cope alone with a serious riot. This is the most dangerous doctrine I can imagine, as it simply amounts to an admission of impotence and a belief in fatalism as to results. This is like a man in charge of a powder magazine neglecting all ordinary precaution against fire, on the ground that if the fire once reaches the powder nothing can save him. I totally disagree with this conclusion, and

I believe that if an adequate Police Force is provided, the Commissioner of Police will be able to nip disturbances in the bud and thus prevent serious riots.

For the above reasons I recommend that the increase of Police now asked for be granted.

C. DOUGLAS.

Mahableshvar, 13th December 1893.

MINUTE BY MR. VIJBHUCANDAS ATMARAM.

I regret I am unable to agree in their entirety with the recommendations of the majority of my colleagues as embodied in their report. I consider that the increase asked for by the Commissioner of Police in his letter of the 10th September 1893, and the whole of which increase is recommended in the Committee's report, is much more than the needs of the city require, and in my opinion a partial increase will more than suffice to meet all requirements. The increase necessary in my opinion is as follows:—

10 European Officers or Natives possessed of equal qualifications.
75 Native Constables (Mounted).
75 Do. do. (Foot).

The arguments urged in support of Mr. Vincent's application for this additional increase and the considerations set forth in the Committee's report are, with the exception of those arising from the recent riots, much the same as have been urged by Mr. Vincent's predecessors in office and as are found in the report of the Committee appointed in 1890 to consider Colonel Wilson's proposals. As these arguments and considerations have been before Government for some years past, and as they have already received careful attention at the hands of Government, it does not appear necessary to deal with them *seriatim* or at any great length. In my opinion a case for granting the full increase has not been made out, and I am inclined to think that, in recommending the full increase asked for, my colleagues have been very much influenced by the occurrence of the recent riots in Bombay. Although the contingency of disturbances taking place in the city forms an element in the consideration of this subject, the question of a permanent increase in the strength of the Police force should, I think, be principally decided by having regard to the ordinary requirements of the city. It should be remembered that in 1889 Colonel Wilson, after making very careful enquiries, proposed an increase of 407 officers and men. The contingency of the Police Force being sometimes called upon to cope with disturbances in the city appears not to have been absent from Colonel Wilson's mind while proposing the increase of 407 men (*vide* his letter of 15th March 1889, para. 27). The Committee appointed to consider Colonel Wilson's proposal, while supporting his recommendations to the fullest extent, expressed their opinion that the increase asked for was moderate and that to put the force on an efficient footing a large increase was necessary.

Having this report of the Committee and Colonel Wilson's proposals before them, Government, after careful consideration, came to the conclusion that a much smaller augmentation of the then existing Police Force was sufficient to meet the needs of the city (*vide* Mr. Lee-Warner's letter No. 2871 of 1890, dated 28th May 1890). His Excellency the Governor in Council was disposed to sanction an increase of 290 officers and men only, and this increase has been recently allowed.

It is important to bear in mind how the increase so sanctioned was arrived at. It consisted of the reserve of 60 men required by Colonel Wilson in his letter, of the provision of 130 men required to relieve those absent on leave or through sickness, and of 100 men, being the second moiety of the 200 asked for by Sir Frank Souter. The 60 and 130 men were the full number asked for by Colonel Wilson and were intended to be a reserve in case of emergency.

This being so, the question now arises whether since 1890 there has been any such expansion of the city, its trade, population or traffic as to demand such further considerable augmentation as is now asked for, *viz.* :—

20 Europeans.
117 Native Constables (Mounted).
150 Armed do. (Foot).

I do not think it can be said that since 1890 there has been any material growth in the city.

With regard to the Police being overworked, it is not shown that since 1890 the officers and men work longer hours. In connection with the question of overwork I may point out that the working classes of the city, as also the signallers and other subordinate employés of the Telegraph Department and in the service of the Railway Companies, who do day and night duty every alternate week, work the same number of hours, if not more.

The increase now recommended by the Committee will practically give an addition of 638 men to the existing force, as Mr. Vincent in paragraph 40 of his letter states that a Mounted Policeman is equal to at least 4 Foot Policemen. If the whole of the increase asked for is granted, the strength of the Police Force will stand at 2,556, as will be seen from the following figures :—

Strength of the force before 1st September 1893	...	1,646
Additional since	...	272
Increase now applied for—20 European Officers, 117 Savars equal to 468 Foot Police, and 150 Foot Police	...	638
Total	...	2,556

This would give a ratio of about 1 to 315 of population (taking the population as per census of 1891 at 804,604), whereas a ratio of 1 to 549 was thought sufficient by Colonel Bruce, and Government in 1890 considered a ratio of 1 to 473 liberal.

The recent disturbances in Bombay have, no doubt, brought to light the deficiency in the Mounted Police Force, and as such a force can discharge with greater efficiency the duty of patrolling the distant parts of the city and regulating traffic, &c., and would prove very useful in times of emergency, I think that an increase of 75 Mounted Police is necessary. This, together with 10 more Officers and 75 Foot Police, will be amply sufficient for all requirements and ought to relieve the strain of overwork if any such exists.

This addition will bring up the total strength of the Police to 2,303 (*a*), taking a Savár as equal to 4 Foot Policemen. I would beg to point out that the recent increase of 272 men when added to the increase above suggested will bring up the total increase to more than what the Committee of 1890 considered necessary. The figures given above will practically raise the strength of the force by 657 men (*b*) against 600 thought necessary by the said Committee.

(a)	Strength before 1st September 1893 ...	1,646
	Since added	272
	My proposal—	
	75 Savárs=300 Foot Police ...	300
	75 Foot Police	75
	10 Officers	10
	Total ...	2,303
(b)	Additional from 1st September 1893...	272
	As proposed by me—	
	75 Savàrs=300	300
	75 Foot Constables	75
	10 Officers...	10
	Total ...	657

Taking into consideration the favourable situation of Bombay and the large number of Police Ramosis and other watchmen employed by private individuals to guard and protect property, merchandize, &c., I am humbly of opinion that the increase suggested by me is very liberal.

VIJBHUCANDAS ATMARAM.

Bombay, 21st December 1893.

MINUTE BY MR. CAMPBELL.

In February 1892 in voting against the recommendations of the Government Committee in favour of an increase of Police, the Native section of the Special Police Committee of the Corporation gave the three following reasons for their opposition :—

(1) Every Policeman is a focus of petty vexation ;
(2) Mounted Police are useless and should be decreased if not abolished ;
(3) Educated Natives are better and more suitable for the Police than Europeans. The number of Europeans should be reduced and educated Natives be appointed in their place.

The ignorance of each of these grounds for opposing an increase of Police was patent. It was not foreseen how grimly eighteen months would enforce their foolishness. It was not foreseen that

before a year and a half were over the centres of vexation would be hailed as centres of security ; that the useless Mounted Police would prove the only section of the force able to prevent disorder spreading over the whole island ; that the duty of leading the Police and the burden of checking riot and maintaining discipline would almost entirely be borne by Europeans. As regards the proposal to substitute Native Officers for Europeans, the riots impressed on me the conviction that in times of trouble Europeans are alone fit to lead Native Constables and to restore order and confidence. To me one of the clearest lessons of the riots is that such educated Natives as I understand the Municipal Committee to refer to, showed that, in their opinion, for them, as for other respectable citizens, a time of disturbance is a time for home. A riot is no fit opportunity for aiding authority even for the discharge of duty.

That the majority of any Committee of public men should formulate statements so opposed to facts as the conclusions quoted above, requires explanation. I believe that during the Police discussion, the explanation was put forward in conversation, if not in print. According to the educated municipal economist, the true position of the Bombay Municipality in the matter of Police is to maintain an admittedly insufficient force, to be supplemented in all times of apprehension by Military aid. Behind this view lies the eminently economical consideration. Three-fourths of the Police charges are borne by the Municipality ; all Military expenses are paid by Government. In discussing the recent riots the same argument has again done duty under a slightly different form. Had the Military been called in when any cause of apprehension arose, the riots would never have broken out. To this the riots again furnish the answer. If Military are necessary in times of apprehension, with the present force of Police, Military are always necessary. Unless the Police are largely increased, a Military Contingent must be permanently kept on Police duty in Bombay. No such permanent deputation of troops is possible. Even were it possible, it is to be remembered that in a Police Force habitually leaning on Military aid, the courage and the pride in keeping order, which hitherto the Bombay Police have on every emergency so honourably shown, can no longer survive. Nor is this all. The not improbable case remains, that on an emergency troops are not available, or even are not at once available, to suppress riot in Bombay. The Volunteers would doubtless give valuable assistance. Still the whole strength of the Volunteers falls far short of sufficing to put down and keep down general turbulence.

At intervals during several months before the recent outbreak, the symptoms of a disturbance were as strong, in some ways they were more acute, than on the day of the riots. On any one of several high days during the two or three preceding months, a disturbance might have arisen. Even since the riots, such days of uneasiness have not been unknown. To prevent a fresh outbreak of disorder, still more to restore and maintain the security essential to

Bombay, what is wanted is not the surface application of Military display, but the lasting cure of a Police, strong enough to crush the first signs of disorder.

In connection with the third of the three general considerations noted in the report, namely, the susceptibility of the mill-hands to exciting and unsettling influences, I would record the conviction that the disquieting influences at work on the mill-hands are specially serious, since they have their origin in a growing power—the spread of education. The saying 'the spread of education is the growth of intolerance' has lately received local illustration in the increase of religious strictness, even to the straitness of Wahábism, among English-knowing Musalmáns. And still more, in the aggressive and intolerant cow-preaching which, uninteresting if not distasteful to the mass of Bombay Hindus, has been started and is supported by English-knowing Pársis, Brahmans, Banias and Bhatias.

The majority of the Municipal Police Committee of 1892 assigned as one reason for not increasing the Police, the exceptionally peaceful character of the people of Bombay. In recording this reason the members of the Committee apparently overlooked the strong turbulent outside element in Bombay—the thousands of Pathans, Afgháns, Sidis, Arabs and Persians, all fighting men and many of them reckless. The Committee probably referred to the local Bombay population. No class of the local population has more deservedly gained a reputation for order and peace than the Ratnágiri Hindus. That strangest and saddest feature of the recent riots, the bands of mill-hands, more or less armed and organised, marching across the north of the island and passing almost into the heart of the city, killing and playing havoc, must have come as a woeful surprise to the members of the Committee who refused to strengthen the Police because of the exceptional peacefulness of the people of Bombay. The bulk of these bands were the blameless Málvanis from Ratnágiri, hitherto, from a Police view-point, a negligible item. These men, from herding in mills and sipping in groups their dose of daily poison from the press or the political preacher, have deserted their faith in quiet and contentment, and under the leadership of the swaggering Bhaya, and incited by the fantastic call of the agitator to be up and doing, were for the time transformed into furious regiments of robbers and murderers. In the future, the Police importance of each of the three considerations—the new town of factories and engine works, the inflow of North Indians, and the organizing and welding of lower class Hindus to intimidate by the display of numbers—is likely to increase. Of the three sources of danger to the public peace, the third, under the hidden moulding of self-styled politicians and patriots, seems to me the gravest. In these circumstances I see no hope of maintaining order and security in Bombay, except by the introduction of such a considerable increase to each branch of the Police force as the Commissioner has proposed, and as the majority of this Committee unite to recommend.

J. M. CAMPBELL.

20th December 1893.

STATEMENT I.—*Police Distribution, December* 1893.

	EUROPEANS (a)			NATIVES.													REMARKS.
				JAMADARS.			HAVALDARS.				CONSTABLES.				MOUNTED.		
	Superintendents.	Inspectors	Constables.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Naiks.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	4th Class.	Officers.	Men.	
Strength before 1st September 1893 ...	8	24	21	7	10	14	19	23	38	2	97	328	471	551	3	30	(a) Of these 58 appointments, the following are held by Natives:—
Addition from "	1	1	3	...	...	3	...	3	7	...	...	36	42	176	...	...	1 Superintendent (*m*)
Grand Total ...	9	25	24	7	10	17	19	26	45	2	97	364	513	727	3	30	4 Inspectors (1 *m*, 2 *H*, 1 *P*).
A.																	3 Constables (2 *m*, 1 *H*).
Special Duty ... Government Dockyard ...	...	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	2	...	...	6	16	55	...	...	(b) There are 50 crossings at each of which 2 men ought to be for traffic duty, but only 19 such places have as yet been provided for, so that 62 more men are needed for this duty.
Port Trust Docks ...	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	13	15	48	...	...	
Harbour Police	1	1	3	...	...	1	...	3	5	...	87	...	...	...	...	...	
Government Building Guards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	7	4	84	...	...	
Reserve for Escorts and Orderlies	...	2	...	1	...	1	2	2	3	...	...	37	29	38	3	30	
Detectives	1	2	...	1	3	2	3	3	3	...	10	...	8	4	...	...	
University	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	
Special Traffic Duty (b) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	34	...	...	
	3	8	5	2	3	6	7	11	16	2	97	63	76	267	3	30	(c) From this must be deducted the following absentees:—
B.																	1. Sick ... 75 }
Town Duty ... (a) General Duty ...	6	17	19	5	7	11	...	1	7	...	...	26	49	49	...	...	2. On leave ... 80 } Total
(b) Day Duty ... Patrols ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	8	11	...	...	90	...	...	...	...	3. Recruits and vacancies ... 50 } 205.
Posts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	89	...	...	
(c) Night Duty Patrols ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	11	...	...	185	...	...	...	...	This gives 229 posts during day time, but *vide* (c); therefore only about 150 day posts exist.
Posts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	248	322	...	...	This gives 285 posts during night time, but *vide* (c); therefore only about 222 nights posts exist.
Total ...	6	17	19	5	7	11	12	15	29	...	...	301	437	460	...	...	
Grand Total A, B ...	9	25	24	7	10	17	19	26	45	2	97	364	513	727	3	30	

(c)

R. H. VINCENT,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

Remarks regarding Duties.

1. This statement does not take into account extra duties performed at theatres and public and private entertainments; it is impossible to fix the figures, but on occasions 100 men and more are wanted day after day and night after night for such duties, and the men required have to be taken off post duty.

2. Day duty men leave their homes for duty at 7 A.M. and return to their homes at 6 P.M. They are relieved for 15 minutes each by patrols between 12 and 2 o'clock.

3. Night duty men leave their homes about 3 P.M. for duty and return to their homes, half the number at 8 A.M. and the rest at 10 A.M. Each man is supposed to have between 3 or 4 hours sleep—"*in two instalments*" during the night, but must remain in uniform.

4. The above holds good only if no complaint reaches the Policeman. If it does, he has to do without sleep, and this happens very frequently, especially in the B, C, D and E Divisions.

5. European officers are on duty all day long and every day in the year; during night time they must be out ordinarily 4 nights per week between the hours of 11 P.M. and 5 A.M. and 3 hours at the time. They must also attend to every complaint and see every complainant and every accused. No person can be confined in a lock-up without the order of the European officer in charge of the section.

R. H. VINCENT,
Acting Commissioner of Police.

Bombay, 14*th December* 1893.

W. T. BUDGEN, Brig.-Genl.,
Chairman of Committee.

STATEMENT II.—INCREASE OF CONVEYANCES, 1882—1893.

(*a*).—*Public Land Conveyances.*

Description.	LICENSED IN		Increase.	Decrease.
	1882.	1893.		
Shigrams, Victorias, Cabs and Buggies.	472	841	369	...
Reklas	432	400	...	32
Labour Carts	4,488	6,640	2,152	...
Total ...	5,392	7,881	2,521	32

(b).—Private Conveyances.

Description.	1882.	1892.	Increase.	Decrease.
Two-wheeled	428	771	343	...
Four-wheeled	2,246	3,382	1,136	...
Total ...	2,674	4,153	1,479	...

Total net increase.....3,968

Street Accidents.

1882-83, *i.e.*, during twelve months ... 318
1892-93, do. do. ... 624

Note.—The enormous development of the tramway should also be taken into consideration, in spite of which there has been this extraordinary increase in wheeled traffic in the city.

As regards the traffic and the necessity for regulating it by special men, I would point to such places as Frere Road, Mandvi and all the business quarters of the B Division, and again to Kalbadevi Road and the streets leading thence in a north, north-west and west direction. At Frere Road crossing within 12 hours no less than 11,050 carts were counted on 11th May 1893.

R. H. VINCENT,
Acting Commissioner of Police.
W. T. BUDGEN, Brig.-Genl.,
Chairman of Committee.

JUNAGADH, 2*nd March* 1894.

To THOMAS BLANEY, ESQ.,
President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—As it was at the instance of the Corporation that I was nominated a member of the Committee appointed to consider the proposals of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, for a further increase in the city police force, I think it right to lay before them the circumstances under which I felt myself precluded from joining in the report of the Committee or recording a minute of dissent, and compelled to withdraw from it after presenting a letter of simple protest.

2. I cannot place these circumstances before the Corporation better than by giving a brief account of the proceedings of the Committee.

3. I was informed by Government of my appointment by a letter, dated 18th November 1893, and on the 29th November, when away from town, I received a letter from the Secretary of the Committee, dated 28th November, asking me to attend the first meeting of the Committee on the 30th November 1893. It was impossible for me to do so, and I telegraphed to the Secretary to that effect. As I learnt afterwards, the reason for this short notice was to enable one of the members, Mr. Cotton, to record a minute of the fullest approval of the proposals, for the joint consideration of which the Committee was appointed, before the Committee had even entered upon its deliberations. The opinion of a gentleman

of Mr. Cotton's position, ability and experience would at all times be most valuable; but he could hardly be said to have discharged the joint deliberative function, which rests upon the members of all Committees, by walking off after recording a minute. The incident is described in the minutes of the Committee, which were written, not by the Secretary, but by another member of the Committee, Mr. Campbell, and it is related therein as follows :—

"The orders of Government constituting the Committee are read. "The Chairman states the chief reason for having so early a meeting "is that one of the members, Mr. Cotton, leaves for England by mail "of December 2nd. As the members had not the opportunity of "reading the Police Commissioner's letter, the present must be con- "sidered a preliminary meeting. Mr. Cotton asks the Chairman to "allow him to read a memorandum he has prepared after studying "the Commissioner's letter. The Chairman agrees and Mr. Cotton's "memorandum is read and put in. Mr. Cotton asks if any member "has any remarks to make. As no member expresses any dissent, "the Chairman decides the memorandum should be considered when "the report is being prepared and should be attached to it as a part "of the proceedings."

4. The next meeting was held on the 7th December 1893, and I went to it, prepared to do, to the best of my ability, my part in the enquiry and deliberation, it never occurred to me to doubt, would be at once undertaken by the Committee. My surprise may be imagined when I found that the Chairman got up and made a few short remarks which, he told us, were confidential, and then said (I prefer to quote from the minutes), "As regards our procedure "to-day, I would suggest that if any gentleman dissents from any of "the proposals contained in the letter of the Commissioner of Police, "he should state his reasons for dissent." After some time, during which we sat looking at each other's faces, I ventured to suggest that the proper procedure would be, in the first instance, to see if there were statements of facts in the Commissioner's letter which required enquiry or verification, and that, if there were, such inquiry should be made. I had flattered myself that I had put forward my suggestion at once mildy but convincingly. I was not therefore a little surprised to find that my gentle suggestion was denounced by the Chairman and some of the members as simply impossible ; and the Commissioner of Police looked at me in mute reproach at my presumption in requiring his facts to be investigated and verified. It was, I believe, Mr. Campbell who solemnly assured me that Government had set the Committee only an exercise in dialectics, and the Chairman ruled that "the intention of Government in referring "the papers to the Committee was that the Commissioner's report "should be considered to establish the facts which it contains." I had nothing to do but to bow respectfully to the Chairman's ruling, and only begged that it should be recorded. A question was thereupon at once raised, whether it was at all necessary to keep minutes, and it was ultimately decided that, though it was perfectly useless to do so, as members

had ears to hear what was said in Committee, my wish might be gratified in that respect out of indulgence for my weakness. Nothing remained to do after this but to carry the Commissioner's proposals by acclamation, for not a single reason for dissent was forthcoming. The prospect of so easy a victory did not, however, seem to be quite satisfactory, and Mr. Douglas interposed with the suggestion that, though the Chairman's ruling was correct and that no enquiry could be made into the Commissioner's facts, still "he thought it would be suitable that any member should be "allowed to ask the Commissioner any question on any point in the "Commissioner's letter, regarding which the member might desire "further information." The Chairman thereupon agreed "that the "Commissioner of Police may be asked questions regarding the "statements contained in his letter." This was scarcely a logical position in view of the Chairman's previous ruling, or a very satisfactory one in reference to my conception of the functions of the Committee. But as I hoped that a little cross-questioning of the Commissioner might succeed in showing to the Committee the necessity of an enquiry, I at once undertook to put some questions. But again, to my surprise, I was told that neither the questions nor answers were to be recorded. As it was impossible not to realize that my efforts to do what I honestly considered to be my duty were treated and resented as idle obstruction, and that my questioning were to be dedicated to empty air, I declined the fruitless task. What followed had best be quoted from the minutes prepared by Mr. Campbell :—

"On enquiry whether such questions and answers should form "part of the minutes of the meeting, the Chairman holds that as "members present will hear and can note any point, their entry in "the minutes is not necessary. As Mr. Mehta declines to put any "question to the Commissioner unless the questions and answers are "recorded, the Chairman remarks that while personally he sees no "necessity for it, if any member attaches importance to the point, "the questions and answers may be recorded."

As I thought that one meeting would be devoted to settle the course of procedure to be adopted by the Committee, I was not, I confess, so fully prepared, as I otherwise should have been, to carry on the interrogation. I tried, however, to do what I could. In the first place I thought it was necessary to ask the Commissioner to state, more clearly and definitely than he had done in his letter, whether the object of the further increase was simply to enable the police to cope with the ordinary work of the city or to strengthen it for serious emergencies like the August riots. In the second place I wanted to sift the assertion about the men and officers being cruelly overworked, and the necessity of "reducing the hours of duty which the Commissioner "is compelled to exact from Europeans and Natives." I put some questions on the first point without getting very satisfactory answers. When I came to the second, the Commissioner flatly declined to give answers. I asked him "what work was taken out

"of each policeman," with the view of enabling the Committee to judge whether too many hours of work were or were not exacted from each policeman. The answer I received is recorded in the minutes as follows :—

"The details of the police work are in my hand. I have given "such details as I think necessary in my report to Government. I "do not think it necessary to give any details in addition to those "shown in para. 18 of my report."

The above answer does not fully record what the Commissioner said. What he really said was that the hours of work was purely an administrative matter and that he declined to give the details I asked for, as the Committee or any other person had no right to interfere with his arrangements in that respect. I tried in vain to explain to the Commissioner that nobody had the remotest conception of interfering with his administrative arrangements, but that my question was asked for the purpose of eliciting the detailed extent of the alleged overwork. But all to no purpose; and I gave up the task of questioning in despair.

5. I still, however, attended the next meeting which was held on the 14th December 1893. I made another effort to explain to the Commissioner the object of my questions and to indicate to the Committee the several points on which it was desirable to obtain some further information and to make some further investigation, if for no other purpose, at least for the purpose of being in a position to define what should be the extent of the further increase. But it was all of no use. The meeting was adjourned to next day, the 15th December, on which day, as I informed the Committee, I could not attend as I had to leave town. At that meeting the proposals to be embodied in the report of the Committee appear to have been settled, and on the following Tuesday, the 21st December, the report was signed with minutes appended by Messrs. Cotton, Douglas, Vijbhookandas and Campbell.

6. In due course I received a letter from the Secretary, dated the 22nd December 1893, enclosing a copy of the report, and enquiring if I would sign it, adding that "at the same time I am to "state that the Committee has been dissolved, but that if you will be "good enough to forward your minute, it will be appended to the "report to be submitted to Government." I wrote back on the 27th, asking for copies of the minutes of proceedings as well as of the minutes appended by members of the Committee. The minutes of proceedings were supplied, but I was told that "it is not necessary "that copies of the minutes recorded by other members should be "supplied to you." On pointing out why they should be supplied, I was informed by a letter, dated 4th January 1894, "that as all the "minutes made by the other members of the Committee were neither "read at the meeting of the Committee nor circulated to the mem-"bers, it is not necessary to send them to you for your perusal." I was further informed that "the report of the Committee has "been already submitted to Government," and was requested to forward my minute as early as possible for submission to Govern-

ment. I wrote to the Secretary to enter a protest against the manner in which the entire proceedings of the Committee had been conducted and received the reply "that your letter "of the 6th January 1894 has been recorded and that your pro- "test cannot form part of the proceedings of the Committee which "has been already dissolved," and I was requested "to state whether "you intend to forward your minute of dissent." I replied to the effect that "I am entirely unable to understand how my protest "cannot form part of the proceedings of the Committee on the "ground that it has been dissolved, while my letter containing it has "been recorded in spite of the very same dissolution. I equally fail "to understand that, if the Committee is dissolved and is thus "*functus officio*, the Chairman can still ask me to send my minute of "dissent, while rejecting my minute containing my protest." I added that "it seems to me that the only course now open to me is "to ask you to send on this, as well as my letter of the 6th January, "to Government."

7. I should like to add that it is true that the resolution of Government appointing the Committee requests it "to take "into consideration the arguments advanced by the Commissioner of "Police in favour of an increase of the city police." But it never occurred to me that Government could intend to put the narrow interpretation upon the word 'arguments', that the Chairman of the Committee did. The word 'arguments,' as it appears in the resolution, was not unnaturally understood by me in the general popular sense in which it is sometimes used to include statements of facts as well as the inferences drawn from them. There were two circumstances which justified the more comprehensive interpretation. It could be scarcely imagined that Government would delegate to a Committee the task of examining simply the correctness of the Commissioner's logic, on which it was bound after all to exercise its own judgment. Secondly, if such was the intention, it would scarcely be worth while to ask the Corporation, as Government did, to recommend a nominee "leaving it to the Corporation to decide in "what capacity their nominee should join the Committee, whether "merely as a member appointed to watch the interest of the Corpora- "tion or as one duly qualified to represent the views of that body." I do not think the Corporation would have cared to recommend a nominee, if that nominee was only to watch the interesting, but not very useful, process of scrutinizing the dialectical capacity displayed by the Commissioner in his letter. As to how the nominee of the Corporation could have been in a position to represent the views of that body in such a function, it is impossible to conceive.—I beg, &c.,

PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 13584. "That the consideration of letter No. 1363, Judicial Department, dated 22nd February 1894, together with letter, dated 2nd instant, from the

Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta to the President on the subject of the increase of the Bombay City Police Force, be deferred until the April meeting."

Carried.

Considered the following:—

No. 24610 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 15*th February* 1894.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward for the information of the Corporation a letter, No. 24052 of the 8th instant, addressed to the Managing Director of the firm of Messrs. James Simpson & Co., the makers of the new pumping engines at Love Grove. In applying in my letter No. 17868 of 30th November last for an increased grant for coal, I gave as the reason for it that the consumption was considerably over the guaranteed amount of 4 lbs. per horse-power per hour, being not less than 5½ lbs. I am satisfied, however, that this was a mistake and that a much greater amount of work was in reality being done than the engines were given credit for. How the mistake arose is explained in my letter to Mr. Mair Rumley, *viz.*, by the application of an incorrect formula, etc. No doubt remains in my mind that the engines and pumps have worked fully up to the contract standard since they were first started.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

No. 24052 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *8th February* 1894.

To J. G. MAIR RUMLEY, ESQ.

SIR,—I have now the honor to reply to your letter to me of 27th ultimo. The Drainage Engineer arrived at the results mentioned to your firm in my letter No. 17869 of 30th November 1893, by measuring, both by floats and by a recognized formula, the quantity of sewage delivered by the pumps. The results of the tests by floats I believe must be abandoned as fallacious, and the Drainage Engineer has since heard from an eminent authority on drainage in England, that the formula relied on by him (Eytelwein's) has been ascertained not to give correct results. Applying what he informs me is the more modern and correct formula of Kulter, to the measurements made by him on 9th August, 26th October, and 11th and 25th November, he tells me that they show results (with one trifling exception which is believed to be susceptible of easy explanation) which establishes the fact that the engines and pumps were doing their contract work. I have therefore great pleasure in now informing you, and I request you will communicate the information to your firm, that the engines have to the best of my knowledge performed their contract work throughout—that is to say, they have each lifted at least 15 millions gallons of sewage in the

24 hours and have never consumed more than 4 lbs. Welsh steam coal per developed horse-power per hour.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by R. H. Vincent, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded*:—Letter No. 24610, dated 15th February 1894, from the Commissioner, reporting on the subject of the consumption of coal at the new pumping engines at Love Grove."

No. 13585.

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

"That, with reference to their petition, dated 19th December last, Messrs. Krishnaji Narhar, Keshco Govind Kanitkar and others be informed that the dyers inhabiting house No. 83, Fanaswadi, will not be granted a license for 1894-95.

No. 13586.

"That in the meantime the removal of rubbish from the premises occupied by the applicants must be done by themselves as required by section 368 of the Municipal Act.

"That the dyers have been called upon by the Health Officer to limewash their premises."

Amendment, moved by the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalwad, seconded by Ardaseer F. Unwalla, Esq.—

"That Messrs. Krishnaji Narhar, Keshco Govind Kanitkar and other residents of Fanaswadi be referred to the Municipal Commissioner."

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as under :—

	For	*Against*
Amendment	14	13

On the amendment being put as a substantive motion, the votes were 10 *for* and 16 *against*, and it was *lost*.

On the President proposing to put the original motion to the vote, the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalwad raised the point of order that, when the amendment was first put to the vote, the members had to choose between it and the original motion, and their having accepted the amendment the original motion was gone and could not be put to the vote again.

The President ruled that, as the amendment had been fully voted on and was *lost*, the votes of Councillors must be taken *for* or *against* the original proposition.

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as under :—

	For	*Against*
Original motion... ...	20	8

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That the report of the Standing Committee on the complaint from Mr. Narsingrao Syboo be approved and adopted, and that the applicant be informed in terms thereof."

Amendment, proposed by Fardunji Nasarwanji Bisni, Esq., seconded by Rao Saheb Elappa Balaram—

No. 13587. "That the business be transferred to the agenda for next month."

On a division, the amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion by 18 votes (*against* none).

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.—

No. 13588. "That, with reference to their petition, Messrs. Sorabjee Edaljee Jeenwalla, Hormusjee Framjee Udwaria and others be informed that the nuisance complained of near the Merwanji Framji Panday Dharamsala adjacent to Karelwadi will be removed by the orders which have been issued by the Commissioner for extending the southern footpath of Thakurdwar Road westward and covering the rest of the side drain abutting on the Dharamsala."

Carried.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Kaikhosro N. Kabraji, Esq.—

"That, with reference to his petition, dated 31st October 1893, complaining of the refusal of the Municipal Commissioner to allow applicant to project a gallery from his building in Lohar Chawl Street, Mr. Dosa Jiwan be informed that no new projections can be allowed in streets and lanes of less than 40 feet in width."

First amendment, proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalwad, seconded by Karsondas Chubildas, Esq.—

No. 13589. "That the petitioner be referred to the Municipal Commissioner as the proper authority to dispose of the application."

Second amendment, proposed by Nanu Narayan Kothare, Esq., seconded by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq.—

"That the petitioner be informed that the Corporation see no reason to differ with the decision by the Commissioner."

Third amendment, proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Oxenham, seconded by G. Lund, Esq.—

"That the petitioner be informed that after full inquiry the Corporation are unable to take such action as is requested."

On a division, the votes were *recorded* as under :—

		For	*Against.*
Third amendment	...	5	19 *Lost.*
Second amendment	...	17	20 *Lost.*
First amendment	...	23	8

The first amendment was *carried* as a substantive motion by 25 votes *against* 6 votes.

Considered the following :—

No. 24403 of 1893-94.

Bombay, *13th February* 1894.

To the MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward a report from the Executive Engineer, which, I consider, advances very materially our knowledge on the subject of city lighting, though not yet to the extent of justifying a final decision. In my proposals for the current year's budget, I submitted three alternatives, the details relating to which were reproduced by the Standing Committee in a fly-leaf attached to page 47 of the budget, (*a*) for renewing the present gas contract on nearly the present terms with the current allowance allotment for kerosine oil lighting ; (*b*) for abolishing gas lighting altogether and substituting kerosine oil lighting from 1st July 1893 ; and (*c*) for abolishing gas lighting and substituting partly kerosine oil and partly electric lighting. My decided opinion then was that kerosine oil ought to be substituted for gas, a better light being thus obtainable at a much cheaper rate, and that the annual difference in cost should be utilized for introducing the electric light, which might gradually be extended to most parts of the city. Before, however, the budget was discussed by the Corporation, my attention was directed to what is called the Welsbach incandescent gas light, from which it seemed sufficiently possible that an improved light might be obtained at a cheaper rate to render an experiment with it advisable. At the meeting of the Corporation on 9th January 1893 I made the following remarks :—

"We have found by experiments conducted on gas lamps by "myself and officers in charge of the lighting department "that while, under the gas contract, each gas lamp gives "a light of 14 candle power, we can get from our kero- "sine lamps fitted with double burners a light of 22 candle "power. Under these circumstances the question, therefore, occurs. "why we should pay nearly Rs. 20 a year more for a 14 "candle power light than we would have to pay for a light of "22 candle power. If we look to page 47 B of the Budget, "we will find that the grant for public lighting was Rs. 2,79,673, "but if that item was Streets and Bunders, Kerosine oil, the "amount would be Rs. 1,63,000, or in other words there would "be a difference of Rs. 1,16,000. I have had frequent per-

" sonal communication with the Manager of the Gas Company,
" who is not prepared to admit that our kerosine duplex lamps can
" give a continuous light of 22 candle power. He admits that such
" a power has been obtained from the lamps at the photometer house,
" but that they would continue to give it all night he disputes.
" The Manager has taken independent tests for his own information,
" but it must be borne in mind—and I do not wish to reflect on
" the Manager of the Company in any way—that the object of my
" test was to discover where the interest of the Corporation lay
" while the object of the tests taken by the gentlemen interested
" either in gas or kerosine oil, as the case may be, has been to
" prove one of two things,—either that gas or kerosine oil was
" better. Therefore those tests must be considered with just
" a little reservation. However the result of Mr. Penny's test
" is nearly the same as my own. For instance in an experi-
" ment with the duplex lamp he obtained a light of 22·5
" candle power ; after four hours it gave 21 candle power ; after
" eight hours it was reduced to 9 candle power. Another ex-
" periment began with a light of 19 candle power ; after
" four hours it still gave the same power ; after eight hours
" it was reduced to 13 or rather nearly 14 candle power.
" Assuming all the year round that the lamps are lighted at 6
" o'clock, eight hours' burning would bring them to two o'clock in
" the morning, and after that hour it does not matter much if the
" light is reduced to thirteen candle power. But, on the showing
" of the documents connected with the experiments, after eight
" hours' burning, the kerosine lamp gives a light only three-tenths
" worse than the light given under the gas contract at its best, and
" I have no doubt the kerosine lamp could be made to do better
" than our experiments indicate. They are very carefully attended
" to, there being an establishment to look after them from the time
" they are lighted till midnight. I have no hesitation in saying
" that, as far as the evidence goes, I should not think that the
" Corporation are justified in adhering to gas in opposition to
" kerosine oil. It is all very well to talk about taking a retro-
" grade step by going from gas to oil, but we must bear in
" mind that the oil which was used in olden times, when
" opprobrious comparisons were made, was not a mineral, but
" a vegetable oil. The old lamps, which were an abomination, were
" not lighted with mineral, but vegetable oil. Mineral oil has come
" up since gas was introduced and is not in the same category.
" The question is not to be decided by mere clap-trap, and I am
" not afraid of having such a word as ' retrograde ' thrown at me.
" If kerosine oil is a better illuminant than gas, there is *a prima facie*
" reason for preferring it. If it is also cheaper, the case seems
" absolutely made out. For my part I prefer a 22 candle power
" light, which costs Rs. 50, to a 14 candle power light, which costs
" Rs. 70. My predecessor was of opinion, and the Corporation of the
" day also was of opinion some years ago and gave expression to
" that opinion in the Budget, that the illumination of the City stood
" in need of improvement, and for two years in succession a grant
" was made for electric lighting. Tenders were called for and a

"number of them were laid before the Corporation, and the ques-
"tion was debated with more or less ferocity on more than one
"occasion. When the matter was last before the Corporation, an
"exceedingly interesting debate took place, and I believe some-
"what to the regret of gentlemen who supported the kerosine
"light. I took no part in the discussion because I had come
"to the conclusion that though our lighting was bad, yet,
"having regard to other expenditure before the Corporation,
"we would not be justified in laying down a large sum
"for electric light plant. But if we can save a sum of over a lakh
"of rupees a year by substituting a better light for a worse one, why
"should we not use the capitalized balance for the introduction of
"the illuminant which is finding increasing favour with every civi-
"lized city in the world? We would have an annual saving of over
"a lakh of rupees, representing a capital of more than twenty-five
"lakhs, by which we could light with electricity some two-
"thirds of the city. It was while holding those opinions that I
"framed the three alternative proposals now before the Corporation,
"and unless they are of opinion that the illumination of the
"city should not be improved—an opinion with which I should
"humbly disagree,—I should firmly and strenuously maintain, in de-
"fault of any further alternative, that we ought at this juncture to
"go in for electric light and give up gas. But since the Budget
"was before the Standing Committee, the circumstances are
"changed. You have probably seen during the last few days that
"a new form of gas light has been introduced and is being tried at
"the Frere Fountain and on one side of Rampart Row, *viz.*, the
"patent incandescent gas lighting. It now strikes me very forcibly
"that the inventor of that patent has saved the Gas Company al-
"though that Company are not the holders of that patent. The
"new lamp gives a light of 32 candle power, or a better candle
"power than the ordinary incandescent electric light. Instead of
"burning five it only burns three cubic feet of gas per hour, so
"there is a saving of $\frac{2}{5}$ths in the present expenditure of gas and we
"get a better light. Under the circumstances, I certainly think,
"while the Corporation should not be satisfied either with the pre-
"sent gas lighting or the proposed kerosine light, they should pause
"before adopting the electric light. It is all very well to say that
"good lighting is a luxury, but then almost all Municipal benefits
"are more or less luxuries, and lighting is recognized in all civilized
"cities as a necessity as much as good roads. I consider that the
"lighting of the city, whether with gas or kerosine, is bad and most
"distinctly stands in need of improvement. I thought when I
"framed the Budget I had given the Corporation an opportunity
"for improving their lighting in the most modern fashion without
"any extra expenditure, and I had hoped the Corporation would
"accept the third of the three proposals laid before them and order
"me to set to and initiate the introduction of electric light. A re-
"solution was framed, recommending the Corporation to adopt the
"proposal for lighting contained in the body of the budget and not
"one of the three alternatives I had proposed. When I read the
"resolution, I expected it would be my painful duty to oppose it as

"it would be to oppose one or two others. But it is now my pleasant duty to recommend the Corporation to carry out that resolution, not with its corollary, but to pass the proposal for lighting as it stands in the body of the budget. My reason is that the incandescent gas light should have a trial; it gives 18 candle power more light than the present gas lamps at an expenditure of very nearly a hundred per cent. less. It is possible it may not bear the monsoon, but at any rate we should make the experiment. I think the Corporation should therefore pass the proposal, and I will try extensive experiments on the new system, and if they prove satisfactory, it seems to me that we need not go to the bother, trouble, and expense of laying down electric lighting plant and of having a new municipal department to manage."

In pursuance of the policy thus indicated, the incandescent gas burner has been somewhat extensively tried both during the monsoon and during the fair season. In his paras. 1 to 35 the Executive Engineer enters at length into the arguments for and against this class of illuminant as the conclusions to which experience has led him. My attention has been particularly attracted by what he says as to the extreme fragility and delicacy of the burner and mantle and the incessant trouble caused by circumstances which it seems impossible wholly and at all times to exclude. They must not be exposed to the least wind, nor to a drop of water, nor to the intrusion of a vagrant insect; the chimneys must not be allowed to get in the least out of plumb, the service pipes must be kept so rigid as to be insensible to the effects of passing traffic, and every care must be taken to ensure against any chokage of the service pipe or burner. Failure to observe any of these conditions is either disastrous to the burner, or chimney, or mantle, or to the illuminating power of the light. It is a serious question whether machinery so susceptible to injury as this is suited for the lighting of streets. The light as an illuminant is however, especially when the mantlets are fresh, very superior to the ordinary gas jet, giving nearly three times the candle power. We may also take it that it is much more economical. Though the figures given in the Engineer's 20th para. (excluding those for October, when the pipes were said to be choked,) do not quite show the result expected, *viz.*, a consumption of 3 instead of 5 cubic feet of gas per hour, yet they nearly do so, and as the Gas Company is prepared to supply gas at a rate insufficient to cover a large consumption, it may be taken to be the fact that the consumption does not exceed 3 cubic feet. The Corporation, on a careful perusal of Mr. Murzban's report, will be in as good a position as I am to form an opinion as to the policy to be now pursued. I am myself averse to undertaking the large experiment of lighting one whole ward with the incandescent burner, both because we shall thereby be practically committed to a three years' trial and because I think that the circle of our present experiment is quite wide enough to give us all the information we want—that is, that we can form as sound a conclusion from watching the lamps already fitted with the Welsbach burner as if they were ten times as numerous. But, having regard to all the circumstances, I am decidedly of opinion that we should go on exactly as we are for one year more,

giving the thorough trial of another monsoon to the Welsbach burner and keeping the lighting of the rest of the City *in statu quo*. It will be strange if by next October we have not ample materials for a final decision, but I would deprecate anything like hasty generalisations from our present facts. It will be necessary to renew the contract with the Gas Company for one year more, and this is what I recommend.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH,
Commissioner.

No. 13572 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *8th January* 1894.

TO THE COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—In continuation of correspondence ending with this office No. 6203, dated 2nd August 1893, I have the honour to report that an experiment has been made with 60 incandescent lights. These have been put up around the Wellington and Frere fountains and along Hornby Road and Church Gate Street. The experiment has given sufficient information to form a fairly reliable judgment as to the suitability or otherwise of this system for street lighting. 2.—Some difficulty was experienced at the commencement of the experiment in making the existing gas lamps suitable for the new lights, while some of those that were altered for the purpose did not answer the same. The current of air played directly on the mantles, thereby destroying them and causing a large breakage of the glass chimneys. The lamps were gradually provided with entirely new tops, which answered fairly well the purpose of keeping out wind until last month, when another difficulty arose. It was found that insects entered the lamps and destroyed the mantles. The gas pipes to which the new burners are attached should also be so perfectly rigid as not to be shaken by the concussions of passing vehicles and loads, which it was found tended to destroy the mantles. 3.—The glass chimneys were also found unsuitable. Drops of rain water broke them, and the broken pieces falling on the mantles destroyed them. The chimney gave way also whenever the conical wick was out of plumb. Thus the glass chimneys and the mantles were causes of mutual destruction. 4.—Another difficulty experienced was in the lighting of the lamps which could not be effected with the ordinary gas-lighting sticks. The lamp lighter has to ascend each lamp-post and light the burner with a match, the same as a kerosine oil lamp. This enhances the cost of lighting. 5.—The mantles, which are manufactured in Europe, consist of cotton wicks dipped in certain chemical solutions. They suffer damage in transit, and when dipped in water lose their efficiency. The consignment of mantles received during the month of October was considerably damaged by wet during the voyage. 6.—Another precaution necessary to be taken is to prevent the chokage of the service pipe leading to the burner and also of the fine holes in the burner itself. This chokage is considerable during the cold weather, when naphthaline is formed in the gas mains. 7.—The initial cost of altering the present lanterns or substituting new ones to suit the new lights and providing the new burner complete with mantle and chimney is also somewhat heavy.

8.—The mantles are costly and fragile. The lights burn well in the beginning, but lose their efficiency to a great extent, though not completely, after a certain time. 9.—The conclusions drawn from the experiment made are—(*a*) that the lanterns should not only be water and wind proof, but also be capable of keeping out insects; (*b*) that the service pipes should be made so rigid as not to be shaken by loads passing on the roads; (*c*) that the glass chimneys are unsuitable and that some other material of a transparent character, which cannot be easily destroyed, should be substituted; (*d*) that means should be devised to light the lamps with ordinary lighting sticks; (*e*) that arrangements should be made for manufacturing the mantles in India to save the risk of accident and damage during transit; (*f*) that the service pipes and burners should be cleaned periodically at short intervals; (*g*) and that means should be devised for reducing as much as possible the initial cost of providing and fitting up the new lights and also the cost of the mantles periodically should be reduced as much as possible. 10.—As regards (*a*), I may state that Mr. Mahler has obtained a new wind-proof lantern, which keeps out wind and rain as well as insects. Its cost is Rs. 22, while that of fitting up new tops to the existing lamps is only Rs. 5, but, as stated above, the latter keep out wind and rain, but not insects. Mr. Mahler informs me that he has ordered out a new top which will serve the desired object, but he is not yet able to state what its cost will be. In the following estimate I have assumed the cost of a new top at Rs. 6. 11.—As regards (*b*), it would be possible to so fix the service pipes as not to be shaken by the passing load, and for this I have provided Re.1 in my estimate. 12.—As regards (*c*), Mica chimneys have been substituted for the glass ones. They are practically unbreakable, but not quite so transparent as the glass ones and the cost of each is Re. 1 only. 13.—As regards (*d*), Mr. Mahler informs me that he has ordered out a lighting stick from home to suit the new lights. If this proves successful, the difficulty of lighting now experienced will also disappear. 14.—As regards (*e*) also, Mr. Mahler informs me that he has ordered out suitable appliances for the manufacture of the mantles in this country. 15.—As regards (*f*), it will be seen in the following paragraphs that the Gas Company will undertake the supply of gas and they would as a matter of course keep the service pipes clean, and Messrs. Mahler and Roscher, who are prepared to do the rest of the work, will keep the burners in order. 16.—The initial cost of introducing the new lights, assuming that the present lanterns were altered to suit the required purpose, would be Rs. 24 per lamp as detailed below :—

Alteration to lantern, Rs. 6 ; alteration to service pipe, Re. 1 ; burner, Rs. 13-8-0 ; mantle, Rs. 2-8-0 ; Mica chimney, Re. 1 ; total Rs. 24.

17.—If instead of altering the existing lanterns, new ones of the type described in para. 10 above were substituted, the initial cost would be $22 \times (24 - 6) =$ Rs. 40 per lamp. 18.—The number of mantles renewed during a period of 38,695 hours of incandescent lighting has been 79. This gives the life of a mantle at about 500 hours. There was an extraordinarily large breakage in October, but that was owing to the mantles having been damaged by sea water during transit, and it has therefore been omitted from the above calculations. 19.

—As against the defects above described, the new lighting has two great advantages. It has three times the illuminating power of the ordinary gas jets, when the mantles are new and the consumption of gas is only ⅔ths of that of the ordinary jet. The existing lamps are of about 12 candle power and consume 5 cubic ft. of gas per hour, whilst the incandescent gas lamps consume only 3 cubic ft. of gas per hour and have an illuminating power of 34 candles. 20.—In the beginning of the experiment there was a considerable difference of opinion as to the quantity of gas actually consumed by the new burner. To remove the doubts on this point, meters were attached to the lamps around the Frere and Wellington fountains on the 1st of May 1893 and 23rd August 1893 respectively. The result showed that nearly 3 c. ft. of gas was consumed by each burner per hour. There was a comparatively reduced consumption of gas during the month of October, but that was probably due to the chokage of the burners by naphthaline. The following tables show the readings of the two meters and the consumption per hour :—

Frere Fountain.

Month.	Consumption of gas during the month.	No. of hours the lamps were burning.		Average consumption of gas per hour per lamp.
	C. ft.	Hrs.	Mts.	C. ft.
May	9,200	208	55	5·50
June	8,800	287	30	3·82
July...	7,900	297	5	3·32
August	7,900	304	50	3·24
September	7,900	307	30	3·21
October	5,000	239	50	2·60

Wellington Fountain from 23rd August 1893.

Month.	Consumption of gas during the month.	No. of hours the lamps were burning.		Average consumption of gas per hour per lamp.
	C.ft.	Hrs.	Mts.	C.ft.
August	2,202	88	30	3·10
September	7,900	307	30	3·21
October	5,500	239	50	2·81

21.—The Manager of the Gas Company is unwilling to undertake the management of the incandescent lighting, but is prepared to supply gas at the rates of Rs. 52-8-0 and Rs. 40-8-0 per annum for each whole and part month lamp respectively. These rates appear to be fair, based as they are on the assumption that the consumption of gas would be 3 c. ft. per hour. A whole month lamp burns for 3,869 hours and a part month one for 3,073·50 hours in a year, which, at the rate of 3 c. ft. of gas per hour, gives 11,607 and 9,220·5 c.ft. of gas per annum respectively. At the rates above mentioned, *viz.*, Rs. 52-8-0 and Rs. 40-8-0, the rates of gas per 1,000 c.ft. works out to $\frac{52·5}{11·607}$ = Rs. 4·52 and $\frac{40·5}{9·2205}$ = Rs. 4·39 respectively as against the present contract rate of Rs. 5 per 1,000 c. ft. 22.—Messrs. Mahler and Roscher offer to do the work of lighting and

extinguishing the lamps, supplying the mantles and chimneys and keeping the lamps and lamp posts in repair at the rates of Rs. 18 and Rs. 21 per annum for part and whole month lamps respectively as shown below :—

Description.	Part month lamp.			Whole month lamp.		
	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Mantles	12	0	0	15	0	0
Chimneys	1	8	0	1	8	0
Lighting and repairs	4	8	0	4	8	0
Total ...	18	0	0	21	0	0

23.—From the following statement it will be seen that, if the Gas Company supply the gas and Messrs. Mahler and Roscher carry out the rest of the work, there would be an annual saving on the present contract rates of Rs. 13·1625 and Rs. 17·1750 on each part and whole month lamp respectively:—

	Ordinary gas lights.	Incandescent gas lighting.			
	Present contract rates less 2½ per cent. discount.	Supply of gas by the Gas Company.	Execution of the rest of the work by Mr. Mahler.	Total.	Saving.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Part month ...	71·6625	40·50	18·00	58·50	13·1625
Whole month ...	90·6750	52·50	21·00	73·50	17·1750

24.—The initial cost of altering each existing lamp being Rs. 24 and that of providing entirely new ones Rs. 40, the former could be recovered in about two years and the latter in about three years by the saving above mentioned. 25.—If the illuminating power of the new lights were fully maintained during the full period of the life of a mantle, it might probably be advisable to introduce the new system throughout the whole city. But unfortunately such is not the case. The light gradually loses its illuminating power and becomes dim. I have had two of the mantles, which were damaged during their voyage and which had been burning for 311 and 290 hours, tested at the Municipal Photometer. They were torn and had large holes in them. Their illuminating power was only that of 21·17 and 24·15 candles. 26.—It will be seen that by the substitution of incandescent for the ordinary gas lighting there would be no reduction at all in the expense for three years at least, as the saving in gas will be absorbed by the cost of the alterations. I am not therefore prepared to recommend the lighting of the whole of the city with incandescent lamps. 27.—If you are, however, of opinion that the new system is worthy of a further and more extensive trial, the whole of the A Ward, which comprises within its limits Colaba, the Fort, the Esplanade, and the Queen's Road up to the Marine Lines Station, may be lighted with it. I give preference to the A Ward for the experiment, as it contains broad streets exposed to high winds, as well as several very narrow streets, and it will give us an opportunity of testing the efficacy of the new lights in both

situations. 28.—The following statement shows the comparative annual charges of lighting the above area with ordinary gas lights and incandescent gas lights :—

	Ordinary gas lights.			Incadescent gas lights.				
					Supply of gas only.		Maintenance and supply of mantle.	
	Number	Rate per annum.	Amount.	Number of burners in each lamp.	Rate.	Amount.	Rate.	Amount.
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ordinary whole month lamps	75	93	6975·0	1	52·5	3937·5	21	1575·0
Ordinary part month lamps	742	73·5	54537·0	1	40·5	30051	18	13356
Do. do. Queen's Statue.	16	70	1120	1	40·5	648	18	288
Large Bray's lamps at Apollo Pier ...	8	349·125	2793·0	2	81·0	648	36	288·0
Small do. do. ...	7	120	840·0	1	40·5	283·5	18	126·0
Do. do. at Frere Fountain ...	8	120	960·0	1	40·5	324·0	18	144·0
Large do. at Wellington Fountain.	8	150	1200·0	2	81	648·0	36	288·0
Do. do at Church Gate Station with 2 ordinary lamps.	1	612	612·0	3	121·5	121·5	54	54·0
Do. do. on Hornby Road ...	1	808·50	808·5	3	121·5	121·5	54	54·0
Total... ...	866		69845·5			36783		16173
Deduct 2½ per cent. rebate ..			17459·0					
Net annual cost of lighting ...			68099·5			52956		

Difference in favour of incandescent lighting, Rs. 15,144.

29.—The initial cost of supplying and fixing only the burners, which are 889 in number, with mantles and mica chimneys, would be Rs. 889 × 17 = 15,113. 30.—Mr. Mahler is of opinion, after inspecting all the lanterns in the ward, that 500 new lanterns would be required. The remainder, *viz.*, 389, are susceptible of repair and improvement. On this basis the cost of the lanterns and the alteration to the service pipes would be Rs. 14,028 as detailed below, so that in two years the whole cost of the alterations, &c., *viz.*, Rs. 29,141, would be recovered by the saving shown in the above table:—500 new lanterns at Rs. 22 each, Rs. 11,000 ; 364 old lanterns to be repaired at Rs. 6 each, Rs. 2,184 ; 844 service pipes to be altered at Re. 1 each, Rs. 844 ; total Rs. 14,028. 31.—If you are in favour of lighting A Ward with incandescent lighting, I would recommend—(*a*) that the contract with the Gas Company, which expires on 30th June 1894, should be renewed for a further period of two years ; (*b*) that during the extended period of two years the lamps in the A Ward should be lighted with incandescent gas ; (*c*) that the Gas Company should be engaged to supply gas for these lights at a minimum pressure of 8-10ths at the rates of Rs. 40-8-0 and Rs. 52-8-0 per each part and each whole month lamp respectively;

(*d*) that Messrs. Mahler and Roscher should be employed to light the lamps, supply the mantles, &c., and that as a guarantee for the due fulfilment of their contract they should be asked to deposit with the Municipality a sum of Rs. 20,000 on the following terms:— (1) That at the expiration of the period of two years the deposit will be returned to them on their carrying out their part of the work satisfactorily. Should they fail, the cost of restoring the lamps to their original condition and the value of the new burners will be recovered from the above amount. (2) That the mantles should be capable of giving a light of 35 candle power and that they should be renewed when the power falls below that of 24 candles. 32.—If at the end of two years the lights prove successful, we shall have to bear the initial outlay of Rs. 29,141, which, as stated above, is almost equal to the saving in the cost of lighting during that period, amounting to Rs. 30,287. But if they prove a failure during the experimental period, the deposit of Rs. 20,000 plus the value of the lanterns and burners will be more than ample to recoup the initial outlay incurred by the Municipality. 33.—The recommendations are not against the interest of the Gas Company as that body will receive a fair value of the gas that may be consumed ; nor would they affect Messrs. Mahler and Roscher's interest. If they satisfactorily carry out the terms of their contract and satisfy the Municipal Commissioner as to the superiority of the new lights, they will be fully paid for the value received and for the work done by them, but they might reasonably expect to have the contract for lighting the other parts of the city. 34.—It now remains for me to suggest the grants from which the initial cost of Rs. 29,141 can be defrayed. Nearly 50 per cent. of this outlay can be met out of the savings from the lighting grant of the current year. The balance of the initial outlay may be paid for the present from the surplus cash balance, to be adjusted hereafter from the savings in the grant for gas lighting during the succeeding two years. 35.—The information given in the preceding paras. from 27 to 35 both inclusive, are on the supposition that you are of opinion that a further and more extensive trial with the incandescent light is needed before arriving at a definite conclusion. 36.—I am, however, of opinion that, however successful the incandescent lighting may have proved for in-door lighting, it has not been so as regards street lighting. If you agree with me in this opinion, then it would become necessary to consider the question of the future lighting of the streets. 37.—The proposals made in this office No. 13388, dated 16th March 1893, to substitute kerosine oil for gas lighting and to utilize the saving effected by this arrangement for lighting the city with electricity in the future appear to me to be deserving of consideration. 38.—The annual charges of lighting the streets with kerosine oil are given in the accompanying statement marked A. The market price of kerosine oil is estimated at Rs. 4 per case. If the price rises, there will be an excess on the estimate, but if on the other hand it is reduced, there will be a corresponding saving on the annual estimated cost. 39.—The statement shows that the annual lighting charges for a part and a whole month kerosine oil lamp with two wicks are Rs. 32 and Rs. 43, respectively, as against Rs. 71·16 and Rs. 90·67 respectively

for lighting with gas. 40.—When the question of substituting the kerosine oil for gas lights was considered last year, it was ascertained that the illuminating power of a kerosine oil light with two wicks was superior to that of a gas light. In point of fact, while the light of the former is at the commencement 21 candle power and does not fall below 18 candle power at any part of the night, that of the latter is only about 12 candle power throughout the whole night. A kerosine oil duplex burner is capable of giving at least one and a half times the light of ordinary gas jet. 41.—If the present system of lighting with gas is to be maintained, the Gas Company should be asked to reduce their contract rates to at least Rs. 32 and Rs. 43 for lighting a part month and a whole month lamp respectively. If they refuse to do so, there appears no reason for renewing the present contract, which expires on 30th June. 1894. 42.—If the incandescent gas lighting is not to be generally adopted, and if there are reasonable hopes of lighting the city with electricity within a measurable distance of time, one of the following two courses may be adopted :—(1) That the existing contract with the Gas Company be renewed for three years if the Company would accept the rates of Rs. 32 and Rs. 43 for lighting annually a part month and a whole month gas lamp respectively. (2) That if the Company be not willing to accept the reduced rates above referred to, kerosine oil lighting be substituted for gas at the expiration of the existing contract. 43.—If kerosine oil duplex burners were substituted for gas lights, the annual cost of lighting the city would be Rs. 1,65,000 as shown in the accompanying Statement B, which also shows that (*a*) the initial cost of the lanterns and lamps will be Rs. 31,416 and that (*b*) the budget for the year 1894-95 will stand at Rs. 2,37,048. These estimates provide rates of Rs. 40 and Rs. 50 as against the rates of Rs. 32 and Rs. 43 shown in Statement A. This addition is made to provide for any rise in the rate of kerosine oil. The budgetted amount for gas lighting for 1894-95 being Rs. 2,86,894, it is clear that the substitution of kerosine oil lights from 1st July 1894 would result in a saving of Rs. 49,846 for the year 1894-95 and of Rs. 1,21,894 during each of the succeeding years. 44.—But whatever course is eventually decided upon, *i.e.*, (*a*) whether a more extensive trial is to be given to incandescent gas lights or (*b*) whether kerosine oil lighting is to be substituted for ordinary gas lights, a very speedy decision is necessary, as in the event of the course (*a*) being adopted, Messrs. Mahler and Roscher will require some time to order out burners, mantles, chimneys, &c., from Europe, and in the event of course (*b*) being adopted, this Department would require time to obtain new lanterns and lamps, to arrange for storing up the requisite quantity of oil and in hiring godowns for storing it or extending our godown at Bellasis Bridge. 45.—As this report contains several figures and facts useful for reference, I would suggest that it may be printed. Its cost can be met from the contingencies of the grant for gas lighting.—I have, &c.,

M. C. MURZBAN,
Executive Engineer, Municipality.

STATEMENT A.

Showing the Annual Charge of lighting a Kerosine Oil Lamp.

	Rate	Per	Lighting charges for 30 whole month kerosine oil lamps one wick lighted.		Lighting charges for 30 part month kerosine oil lamps one wick lighted.		Lighting charges for 30 whole month kerosine oil lamps two wicks lighted.		Lighting charges for 30 part month kerosine oil lamps two wicks lighted.		REMARKS.
			Quantity per month	Amount per month	Quantity per month	Amount per month	Quantity per month	Amount per month	Quantity per month	Amount per month.	
				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
Muccadum	15 Rs.	Each per month.	½ No.	3·75	½ No.	3·75	½ No.	3·75	½ No.	3·75	1 lamp-lighter can look after 30 lamps. 1 muccadum „ „ 120 lamps.
Begari (lamp-lighter)	10 „	Do.	1 „	10·00	1 „	10·00	1 „	10·00	1 „	10·00	1 kerosine oil case contains 48 bottles.
Kerosine oil	4 „	Case.	10 „	40·00	7 „	28·00	20 „	80·00	14 „	56·00	1 kerosine oil lamp with one wick requires half a bottle of oil per night, and a whole bottle of oil is required for a lamp with two wicks.
Matches	15 pies.	Dozen.	2 Doz.	0·16	2 Doz.	0·16	2 Doz.	0·16	2 Doz.	0·16	
Wicks	1 anna.	Five.	30 No.	0·38	30 No.	0·38	60 No.	0·75	60 No.	0·75	An empty kerosine oil case with two tins is worth about 5 annas.
Dongri cloth	1½ anna.	Square Yard.	2 sq. yds.	0·19	2 sq.yds.	0·19	2 sq.yds.	0·19	2 sq.yds.	0·19	
Ladder	8 annas.	Each.	1/12 No.	0·04	1/12 No.	0·04	1/12 No.	0·04	1/12 No.	0·04	One lamp with one wick will require one chimney per annum.
Scissors	12 annas.	Do.	1/12 „	0·06	1/12 „	0·06	1/12 „	0·06	1/12 „	0·06	One lamp with one wick will require one glass reservoir every two years.
Repairs to lanterns	8 pies.	Lantern per month.	30 „	1·25	30 „	1·25	30 „	1·25	30 „	1·25	One tin for carrying oil will last a year.
Chimneys	1 Re.	Dozen.	2½ „	0·21	2½ „	0·21	5 „	0·42	5 „	0·42	One scissor will be required for a lamp-lighter per year.
Glass Reservoirs	8 annas.	Each.	1¼ „	0·63	1¼ „	0·63	2½ „	1·25	2½ „	1·25	One ladder do. do.
Tins for carrying oil	12 annas.	Do.	1/12 „	0·06	1/12 „	0·06	1/12 „	0·06	1/12 „	0·06	One lamp-lighter will require 2 sq.yds. of cloth per month.
Monthly lighting charges for 30 lamps				56·73		44·73		97·93		73·93	One lamp with 2 wicks will require 2 chimneys and 1 glass reservoir per annum.
Yearly lighting charges for 30 lamps				680·76		536·76		1,175·16		887·16	
Yearly lighting charges for each lamp..				22·69		17·89		39·17		29·57	
At 10 per cent. contingencies				2·27		1·78		3 92		2·96	
Lighting charges per lamp per annum				Rs. 25		Rs. 20		Rs. 43		Rs. 32	

STATEMENT B.

Kerosine Oil Lights with double wicks in place of existing Gas Lights.

No.	Description of lamps.	Rate.	Per	Amount.
		Rs.	Each per	Rs.
787	Whole month lamps	50	annum.	39,350
2737	Ordinary part month lamps	...	...	...
51	Ornamental do. do.	...	...	...
16	Globular part month lamps	...	...	...
125	Part month lamps equivalent to the existing 38 Bray's lamps	...	...	...
38	Part month lamps at the Docks, the proposed Bray's lamps being converted into ordinary lamps	...	...	...
2967	Total part month lamps	40	...	1,18,680
	Lighting Wadia fountain with gas ...	...	...	1,200
				1,59,230
	Add contingencies	...	...	5,870
	Total annual lighting charges Rs.			...1,65,000

Initial cost, assuming that all the lanterns are to be renewed.

	Rs.
3,754 New lanterns at Rs, 4 each	15,016
3,754 Reservoirs, burners and chimneys at Rs. 4 each ...	15,016
173 Posts fixed in rubble masonry at Rs. 8 each	1,384
Total...	Rs. 31,416

If the Gas Company's contract be not renewed and kerosine lamps substituted for gas from 1st July 1894, the budget of lighting for the year 1894-95 will be as follows :—

	Rs.
Gas lights up to 30th June 1894.	$\frac{1}{3}$ × 286,894= 95,631
Kerosine oil lights thenceforth	$\frac{2}{3}$ × 165,000=1,10,000
New lanterns, burners, reservoirs, chimneys, &c.	31,417
	Rs. 2,37,048

NOTE—

This shows that there will be a saving during the year 1894-95= 2,86,894—2,37,048=Rs 49,846

And during each of the succeeding years= 2,86,894—1,65,000= 1,21,894

M. C. MURZBAN,
Executive Engineer, Municipality.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq :—

No. 13590.

"That letter No. 24403, dated 13th February 1894, from the Commissioner to the Secretary, together with report by the Executive Engineer, No. 13572, dated 8th January 1894, to the Commissioner, be *recorded*.

"That the Corporation sanction the extension of the Gas Company's contract for a period of one year ending 30th June 1895 with a view to giving a thorough trial to the Welsbach Burner."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

Statement showing the names of Municipal Officers and Servants over 55 years of age who retired on Pension from 1889-90 to 1893-94.

	Names.	Designation.	Age at which retired	Amount of pension given.	Reasons for retiring.	Remarks.
	1889-90.			Rs. a. p.		
1	Mr. Nusserwanji Coyaji ...	Town Duty Refund Officer ...	70	181 9 8	Ordered to retire, being over 65 years of age.	
2	„ Shewshanker Luxumonji...	Clerk, Commissioner's Office...	65	39 10 8	Do. do. do.	
3	„ Withoo Dulvy ...	Assistant Turncock, Water Works Department.	56	12 8 0	Applied for retirement owing to incapacity for further service, being over 55 years of age.	
4	„ Pandurang Mangesh ...	Clerk, Health Department ...	59	24 12 6	Ordered to retire as he was reported by the Health Officer as unfit for work.	
5	„ Sadanund Harichundji ...	Clerk, Town Council Office ...	57	27 2 8	Do. do. by the Head of the Department as unfit for work.	Died on 18th April 1891.
6	„ Putoba Shrikrushna ...	Registration Clerk, Assessment Department.	55	24 8 3	Applied for retirement, being unfit for further service	
7	„ Essoba Dadaji ...	Head Clerk, Health Department.	57	50 0 0	Ordered to retire as recommended by the Head of the Department as unfit for duty.	
8	„ Shivram Manaji ...	Peon, Registration Branch, Health Department	62	3 15 1	Do. do. do. do.	
9	„ Vithoo Gunnoo ...	Lascar, Survey Branch, Engineer's Department.	58	4 10 2	Do. do. do. do.	
	1890-91.					
10	Mr. Shamakhan Dawoodkhan..	Havildar, Assessment Department.	57	'6 4 2	Applied for retirement owing to old age.	
	1891-92.					
	None.					
	1892-93.					
11	Mr. T. D. Olivera ...	Clerk, Tansa Water Works ...	56	37 8 0	Do do. do.	
	1893-94.					
12	Mr. Dadabhoy Bapuji ...	Assistant Paymaster, Chief Accountant's Office.	57	35 6 8	Do do. do. under medical certificate of unfitness.	
13	Syed Husein Bin Syed Vali ...	Havildar, Executiv Engineer's Department	60	6 8 8	Applied for retirement owing to old age.	
14	Mr. C. J. Hewett ...	Chief Inspector, water Works.	61	150 0 0	Ordered to retire, being no longer fit for duty through old age.	
15	„ Dadaji Bhanaji ...	Head Audit Clerk, Chief Accountant's Department	62	105 0 8	Do. do. do.	
16	„ Juggonnath Vithoba ...	Registration Clerk, Assessment Department.	62	20 0 0	Do. do. do.	

No. 23615 *of 2nd February* 1894.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for the information of the Corporation, with reference to their Resolution No. 9234, dated 11th December 1893.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq., seconded by Kharshedji N. Wadya, Esq.—

"That the following memorandum No. 23615, dated 2nd February 1894, from the Commissioner, forwarding statement showing the names of Municipal Officers and servants over 55 years of age who retired on pension from 1889-90 to 1893-94 be *recorded.*"

No. 13591.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 24529 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *14th February* 1894.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—Referring to Corporation Resolution No. 2485 of 16th June 1892, sanctioning the making of a connection at Chinchpokli between the Tansa 48″ and Vehar 32″ mains, I have the honor to say that great delays were experienced in obtaining castings, but in October last, the Water Engineer addressed the Chief Engineer, G. I. P. Railway, with a view to entering on the land within the Railway fence and proceeding with the work. The Chief Engineer in reply prescribed certain conditions, reasonable enough, on the supposition that the Municipality had no right of entry and that the land belonged to the Railway, but such as Mr. Tomlinson did not think it right that we should, in view of what we believe to be the law, assent to. He reported the matter to me and certain steps were taken, in pursuance of which the Foreman, Water-works Maintenance Branch, entered on the land on the morning of 29th ultimo, together with his workmen, Mr. Tomlinson being also present, and proceeded to commence the operations necessary to carry out the work of opening up the 32″ main. Mr. T. W. Pearson, District Engineer, G. I. P. Railway, was present and enquired of the Water Engineer whether the permission of the Agent, G. I. P. Railway, had been obtained. To this Mr. Tomlinson replied in the negative, whereupon Mr. Pearson, saying that he would not in such a case allow the work to go on, put Mr. Tomlinson aside and took the pick from the hand of the workman. The Municipal officers being thus forcibly obstructed, the work was stopped. The Solicitors advise that the Municipality should file a suit against the G. I. P. Railway in the High Court and apply for an injunction restraining them from preventing Municipal servants from going upon the land in question for the purpose of making the desired connection with the 32″ Vehar Main. Under Section 265 of the Municipal Act, the Commissioner "shall have the "same powers and be subject to the same restrictions for carrying,

"renewing and repairing water mains, pipes and ducts within or "without the City as he has had and is subject to under the "provisions hereinbefore contained for carrying, renewing and "repairing drains within the City." Under Section 221 (1) "The Commissioner may carry any Municipal drain through, across "or under any street of any place laid out as or intended for a street, "or under any cellar or vault which may be under any street, and "after giving reasonable notice in writing to the owner or occupier "into, through or under any land whatsoever within the City," etc. In this case the object was to carry a water main from the 32" Vehar to the 48" Tansa main. The Railway base their claim to restrain us from entering on their land without their previous permission on the Indian Railway Act of 1890, but it will be in the recollection of the Standing Committee that we were advised by Counsel (Mr. Inverarity) on 13th January 1893 that that Act was not repugnant to Section 222 (among others) of the Municipal Act and that any entry on Railway land under similar, though more emergent, circumstances for the repair of a drain was legal. But the present case appears to present features which strengthen the Municipal view as to their rights. By Section II of Bombay Act 13 of 1863, the Vehar Lake "and all the land and other immovable property "which is necessary for the purpose of conveying the water of the "said lake by pipes into the town of Bombay and there distributing "the same and which being the property of Government has ordi-"narily been applied to or employed for the purpose aforesaid shall "be vested for a term of 99 years in the Municipal Commissioners "of the town and island of Bombay" etc. This Act was repealed by Act II of 1865, but by Section 4 of that Act all property vested in or held in trust by the Municipal Commissioners at the date of the passing of it became vested in the Justices. By Section 64 of the Acts of 1872-78 the Vehar Lake and * * * * "all the land and other immovable property which is ne-"cessary for the purpose of conveying the water of the said lake by "pipes into the Town of Bombay and there distributing the same" etc., etc., became vested in the Corporation. By Section 88 of Act III of 1888 "all such immovable land and other property as is "held by or in trust for or has been granted by Government to the "Corporation under or in pursuance of or for the purposes of any "Act hereby repealed shall, upon and after the date when this Act "comes into force, vest in the Corporation," etc. The Acts of 1872-78 were repealed by the Act of 1888. It would therefore appear that the land in which the Vehar 32" main is laid actually belongs to the Corporation and not to the Railway which renders the necessity for asserting Municipal rights all the more urgent.—I have, &c., H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by G. W. Roughton, Esq.—

"That, subject to the advice of the Solicitors of the Corporation, the Municipal Commissioner be requested to take out a summons against Mr. Pearson for an assault and wrongful restraint."

Not seconded.

Proposed by Bhaishankar Nanabhai, Esq., seconded by Tribhowandas Vurjeewandas, Esq.—

"That the consideration of this matter be postponed till the Corporation is placed in possession of the whole correspondence on the subject."

Amendment, proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik, seconded by Ardasir F. Unwalla, Esq.—

No. 13592. "That the subject be remitted to the Standing Committee for consideration."

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Bhaishankar Nanabhai was allowed to withdraw his motion and the amendment, which then became the substantive motion, was *carried*.

Shortly after 5 o'clock, the meeting adjourned, and the President fixed Monday, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M., for the holding of the adjourned meeting.

BOMBAY, 19*th March* 1894.

AT the adjourned ordinary monthly meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 8th instant, and adjourned from the 15th idem), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L. M. & S.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq., B.A.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA BHATAWADEKAR, Esq., L. M.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJI SERVAI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA BOMONJI MASTER, Esq., L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZALBHAI JUMABHAI LALJI, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M.I.C.E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKAR YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; NANABHAI NOWROJI KATRAK, Esq., L. M. & S.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGALDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; ACCACIO GABRIEL VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th instant, were signed.

The President informed the meeting that he had received the following letter from Government :—

No. 1978 OF 1894.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,
BOMBAY CASTLE, 17*th March* 1894.

To THE PRESIDENT, Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter No. 1363, dated the 22nd February 1894, I am directed to inform you that the Government

of India wish to be made acquainted, before the 15th proximo, with the views of the Municipal Corporation on the proposals of this Government for an increase to the Bombay City Police.—I have, &c., G. C. WHITWORTH, Acting Secretary to Government.

The President added that he had thought it right to inform the meeting of the receipt of this communication on account of its importance, although the consideration of the whole question has been deferred until the April meeting.

Considered the following :—

Monthly Return of Sick treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road, for the month of January 1894.

No.	Diseases.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result.			
					Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
1	Small-pox	1	9	10	1	2	7	10
2	Chicken-pox	1	4	5	1	...	4	5
3	Measles	...	3	3	1	...	2	3
4	Cholera	...	1	1	...	1	...	1
	Total ...	2	17	19	3	3	13	19

BOMBAY, 1*st February* 1894.

N. H. CHOKSY, Medical Officer,
In charge Infectious Diseases Hospital, Arthur Road.

No. 32727 OF 1893-94.

Forwarded to the Municipal Commissioner.

T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

6*th February* 1894.

No. 24012 OF 8*th February* 1894.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary, with reference to the Corporation Resolution No. 2935 of 27th June 1892.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 24012, dated 8th February 1894, from the Commissioner, forwarding return of sick treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road for January 1894."

No. 13933.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

TO THE SECRETARY OF MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

SIR,—We have the honour to announce, for the information of your Municipality, that, in conformity with the resolution of the previous Congress, the Eighth International Congress of Hygiene and Demography will be held at Budapest in the autumn of 1894. The Organizing Committee venture to express the hope that, as on

the occasion of the Seventh Congress held in London, 1891, your Municipality will lend their valuable aid by appointing delegates. In the event of its being found impossible to send delegates from India specially to attend the Congress, the Organizing Committee would respectfully suggest that representatives be chosen from among the many suitable persons of tropical experience now resident in England. Probably, some delegates could be selected from gentlemen coming to Europe on leave next year. As a matter of special interest to India, we have further to inform you that, in accordance with the Resolutions of the Seventh Congress, a Tropical Section has been constituted for the purpose of considering the origin and prevention of tropical diseases and other problems of hygiene and demography specially affecting the torrid regions of the globe. The Direction of the Congress has appointed Surgeon-Major Theodore Duka, M. D., F.R.C.S., of the Bengal Army (retired), to be President, and Dr. Isambard Owen and Mr. S. Digby, Honorary Secretaries, of the Section. The subjects selected for consideration by the Section are the following :—Cholera, Dysentery and Specific Diarrhœa, Malaria, Yellow Fever, Leprosy, Tropical Affections of the Liver, Elephantiasis, Beriberi, Yaws, the Influence of Tropical Climates on persons of European descent, Tropical Colonization, Tropical Dietetics, the use of Alcoholic Liquors in the Tropics, the effects of Opium and other Narcotics used in tropical countries.—We are, &c.,

President (Signature illegible).
C. MULLER, *General Secretary*.

BUDAPEST, 15*th December* 1893.

Applications for Membership of the Congress should be addressed to the General Secretary, Prof. Dr. C. Müller, Rochus Hospital, Budapest.

Proposed by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq., seconded by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq.—

"That, with reference to his letter, dated 15th December 1893, Dr. C. Müller, General Secretary of the Eighth International Congress, Hygiene and Demography, Budapest, be informed that this Corporation regret that they are not in a position to appoint a delegate to attend the Congress."

Amendment, proposed by G. Lund, Esq., seconded by R. H. Vincent, Esq.—

No. 13934. "That the consideration of this letter be postponed until the meeting of next month."

With the permission of the President and the consent of the meeting, Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar was allowed to *withdraw* his motion.

The *amendment*, which then became the substantive motion, was *carried*.

Considered the following :—

Quarterly Statement as per Corporation's Resolution No. 1270 of 1887-88 and 5729, dated 18th September 1893, for the Quarter ended 31st December 1893.

Ward.	No. of new properties assessed during the quarter with the total amount of assessment fixed for the same.		No. of previously existing properties, the assessments of which have been increased during the quarter, and the total amount of the increased assessment.		Total increase in assessment.	No. of previously existing properties, the assessments of which have been reduced during the quarter, and the total amount of the reduced assessment.		Net increase in assessment (gross).	Net increase (after deducting decreases) in amount of taxes.								
									General Tax.			Water Tax.			Halalkhor Tax.		
	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.	No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.		No. of properties.	Amount of assessment.										
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
A	9	39,920	°22	18,475	58,395	8	8,290	50,105	3,859	15	11	135	4	1	353	13	2
B	5	2,250	†18	13,125	15,375	17	6,041	9,334	270	15	8	188	1	1	101	6	0
C	6	1,308	‡50	17,604	18,912	28	5,291	13,621	469	5	7	223	12	1	152	12	1
D	21	15,994	§29	19,265	35,259	23	6,672	28,587	1,136	2	11	348	6	2	297	10	7
E	10	4,311	‖21	8,015	12,326	18	2,082	10,244	289	4	0	174	8	2	95	0	9
F	5	1,242	¶14	57,105	58,347	5	789	57,558	2,525	3	0	114	10	7	118	10	2
G	10	2,692	°°18	25,192	27,884	13	674	27,210	1,142	9	11	65	8	6	235	5	9
Total...	66	67,717	172	1,58,781	2,26,498	112	29,839	1,96,659	9,693	9	0	1,250	2	8	1,354	10	6

Total Rs. 12,298-6-2

* This includes 9 properties formerly assessed as land, now built upon.
† Do. 12 do. do. do. do.
‡ Do. 11 do. do. do. do.
§ Do. 15 do. do. do. do.

‖ This includes 11 properties formerly assessed as land, now built upon.
¶ Do. 4 do. do. do. do.
** Do. 6 do. do. do. do.

R. P. BRUNTON,
Assessor and Collector.

No. 23508 of 2nd February 1894.

Forwarded to the Municipal Secretary for the information of the Corporation.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkisondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

"That the following be *recorded* :—Memorandum No. 23508, dated 2nd February 1894, from the Commissioner, forwarding return of new properties assessed, &c., during the quarter ending 31st December 1893."

No. 13935.

Carried.

Considered the following :—

No. 24346 OF 1893-94.

BOMBAY, 12*th February* 1894.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—The Corporation recorded on 20th November last, under their Resolution No. 8120, a memorandum from me, forwarding certain correspondence on the subject of the Forest of Tulsi. It will be in their recollection that I recommended in my letter No. 2029 of 29th April 1893 that Government should be asked to take charge of the forest. This the Corporation did not approve, and asked me to obtain the services of an officer of the Forest Department for six months "to do the needful." On this resolution I reported in my memo. No. 13974 of 10th October 1893, the practical result of the enquiries I had made being that such a course would lead to no good result. The question therefore still remains pending what is to be done with the Tulsi Forest. It measures over 2,000 acres and, if some care is not taken of it, it will, to the great detriment of the lake, deteriorate into a pathless jungle, the timber will be ruined, and the undergrowth become predominant. I desire, therefore, once more to submit the extreme desirability of giving it over to the charge of the Forest Department who will work it on a scientific basis for one-third of the net proceeds. I may say, in order to meet certain apprehensions which were on a former occasion expressed in debate at the Corporation, that there are in the Tulsi Forest area neither vested interests nor persons to oppress. It is the private estate of the Corporation and absolutely uninhabited, nor does any individual whatever, except the Corporation, possess or exercise any right within it. The possibility therefore of any agency for evil or for oppression being created by my proposal is one that cannot occur. Under these circumstances, I hope the Corporation will agree with me that we ought not to let this valuable property run to waste, but should protect it in the only manner in which this can be done, *viz.*, by assigning it for management to the Forest Department.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by George Cotton, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That, under the circumstances stated by the Commissioner in his letter to the Secretary, No. 24346, dated 21st February 1894, the Corporation

No. 13936.

approve of negotiations being entered into with the Forest Department, with a view to the Tulsi forest being managed by that department for the Municipality."

On a division, the votes were 14 *for* and 14 *against* the motion, which was *carried* by the vote of the President.

Considered the following :—

No. 22890 of 1893-94.

BOMBAY, *26th January* 1894.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—There is at Upper Colaba, not far from the Observatory, a dipping well which is the gift of Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy and which bears an inscription to that effect. The Executive Engineer, Military Works, Bombay Division, in a communication addressed to the Municipal Executive Engineer, writes that the well which is situated between two Government bungalows, "spoils all the "ground round it, which, so long as it exists, cannot be used for any "purpose, and in fact becomes a receptacle for refuse. The space "round the two Government bungalows is also unnecessarily "limited, one of them being exceedingly cramped and shut out "from the breeze. The Municipal water is continually running to "waste through the dipping well and cannot, of course, be so clean "as if it was drawn directly from a stand-pipe. The well itself, too, "is a work of no kind of beauty."

He, therefore, proposes, with the sanction of Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy and of the Municipality, to replace the well by a neat ornamental fountain standing on a stone platform, whereon ablutions can be made as on the platform of the present well. A suitable inscription would also be affixed to the fountain. He proposes to erect it on a site adjacent to the well and measuring 1,144 sq. ft., which belongs to Government, and for the handing over of which to the Municipality he would obtain the sanction of Government, and he requests that, in exchange for this site, the Municipality will make over to Government the site of the present well, which measures 1,108 sq. ft. The Water Engineer and Executive Engineer, Municipality, approve of the proposal, which is undoubtedly a sound one and in accordance with Municipal policy.

Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, who was addressed in the matter by Mr. Marzban, has also agreed to the proposal, and I enclose a draft of the inscription to be placed on the fountain as approved by him.

I have the honor, therefore, to request the sanction of the Corporation to the proposed exchange of the ground and to the fountain with the inscription being erected in lieu of the existing dipping well.—I have, &c.,

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Draft of the Inscription.

"This fountain was erected in 1894 to replace a well, then "closed near this spot, which had been charitably given to the "public in 1832 by Mr. Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, afterwards Sir "Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Baronet."

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Ardasir D. Mody, Esq.—

"That, as applied for by the Commissioner in his letter No. 22890, dated 26th January 1894, the Corporation approve of the closing of dipping well near the Observatory, Upper Colaba, the gift of Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, and the replacing of the same by a neat ornamental fountain on a stone platform at the cost of Government in the Military Department. That the Corporation approve of the following inscription being placed on the fountain :—

No. 13937.

"'This fountain was erected in 1894 to replace a well, 'then closed, near this spot, which had been charitably 'given to the public in 1832 by Mr. Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, 'afterwards Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Baronet.'

"That sanction be given to the handing over to Government of the site of the old well, admeasuring 1,108 square feet or thereabout, in exchange for 1,144 square feet or thereabout, to be handed over by Government as the site for the fountain."

Carried.

Considered the following :—

PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT WARI BUNDER, &c., AND PROVISION OF BURYING GROUND FOR MAHOMEDANS AND BENI-ISRAEL.

THE Committee, appointed by the Corporation under their resolutions Nos. 3978 and 6604, dated 20th July and 12th October 1893, as per margin, beg to report as follows :— They are of opinion that the apportionment of cost already proposed, and which is given below, is a fair one to the Municipality :—

"That the following letters from the Commissioner and petitions on the subject of providing a burial ground for the Mahomedan and Beni-Israel communities be referred to a Committee for report. The Committee to consist of Mr. G. Cotton, Chairman; Mr. Roughton; the Hon'ble Mr. Fazalbhai Visram ; Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. S. O'B. Banks ; Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula; Mr. D. E. Wacha ; the Hon'ble Mr. Pherozeshah M. Mehta ; Mr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar; Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik ; Mr. Rebsch.

No. 3978.

"That the papers, as per margin, be referred for inquiry and report to the Committee appointed on the 20th July last to report on the question of the provision of burying ground for Mahomedans & Beni-Israels.

Letter to the President, No. 3286, dated 29th September 1893, from the Secretary, Port Trust, stating that the Trustees are prepared to make over to the Municipality 30,287 yards of land at Tank Bunder for the purpose of a burying ground, free of charge, on condition that the Corporation join in the cost of approaches to the new overbridge at Wari Bunder, construction of road from north of Hancock Bridge to Gunpowder Road, and continuation of certain other roads, at a net cost, estimated by the Trustees, of under Rs. 2,00,000.

No. 6604.

"That the Committee be requested to make their report as early as possible."

PORT TRUST WORKS.	Rs.
South Approach	2,11,000
Road to Tank Bunder	89,086
Continuation to Kala Chowki	1,17,000
Payment to Municipality	1,56,500
Victoria Road	40,000
Rs.	6,13,586

MUNICIPAL WORK.	Rs.
Wari Bunder Road, including north approach	7,30,000
Victoria Road	36,200
	7,66,200
Deduct—Port Trust contribution ...	1,56,500
	6,09,700

and that, in sanctioning the above sum of Rs. 6,09,700 for the roads, the following sum should also be sanctioned for the burial ground :—

	Rs.
Port Trust ground, 30,287 square yards at Rs. 5 per sq. yd.	1,51,435
Mazagon Manufacturing Co.'s ground, 3,592 sq. yds. at Rs. 5 per sq. yd.	17,960
Wall	5,560
Filling	67,000
	2,41,955

The Committee have satisfied themselves by examining the books of the Port Trust that Rs. 5 a square yard is a reasonable price for the land.

They do not recommend the Corporation to acquire, at a cost of Rs. 1,38,140, 27,628 square yards of ground belonging to Mr. Ashburner and referred to in the Commissioner's memoranda No. 13962 of 10th October 1893 and No. 6666 of 1st July 1893, as they are of opinion that the area of the burial ground will be sufficient without it. They do not advise going into the question of what items are, or are not, included in the list of works to be done by the Port Trust, as they think the material point is that that body offers a specific sum for the early execution of an important work which will not be forthcoming if it is deferred, and of that sum they recommend the acceptance.

BOMBAY, 16*th March* 1894.

G. COTTON.
PHEROZESHAH M. MEHTA.
S. O'B. BANKS.
G. W. ROUGHTON.
S. REBSCH.
K. M. SHROFF.
BHALCHANDRA K. BHATAVADEKAR.
JAVERILAL U. YAJNIK.
ABDULLA M. DHARAMSI.
WALTER C. HUGHES.
R. M. SAYANI.

MINUTES.

We are at one with our colleagues on the Committee on all matters save that referred to in the last paragraph of the report. The question as to what items are or are not to be included in the list of works to be done by the Port Trustees was minutely gone into by the Committee. It is not correct to say that the "material point" is that that body "offers a specific sum for the early execution of "an important work." The *material point at issue* was whether the Municipality should or should not bear half the cost of the Kala Chowki Road, amounting to Rs. 1,17,000, which was undertaken *before* the proposals now before the Corporation were formulated. This was the whole *crux* of the question, which was admitted by every member of the Committee who was present at the meeting which discussed it. The point referred to in the last paragraph of the report was in substance an argument in support of the recommendation of our other colleagues to waive the consideration of our insistence on obtaining from the Trustees a further contribution of Rs. 58,500, being half the cost of the said road.

It was observed to us that, having regard to the fact of the "broad utility" of the proposed works, it would be inexpedient, though not unjust, to press the point. When, however, the *pros* and *cons* of this argument touching "broad utility" came to be closely considered, our colleagues admitted that both the parties could urge much for and against it. Thus, the arguments on the sole and only issue, namely, whether the Port Trustees should or should not be made to pay more, were equibalanced, and there the matter rested. Our colleagues urged on us not to press the point for the sake of unanimity. We accordingly refrain from pressing the point here. But we think it our duty to inform the Corporation how matters exactly stood on the point at the Committee meeting. It is now for the Corporation to decide whether they consider it expedient on the ground of "broad utility" to demand the further contribution from the Trustees or generously forego it.

DINSHA EDULJI WACHA.
IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA.

I wish to draw attention to paras. 13 and 15 to 18 of the Port Trust Secretary's letter, and to point out—

(1) That the basis of the Trustees' offer is (para. 15) an equal division of the cost of the complete road from the north end of the Frere Road to the Kala Chowki in the Sewri Road (para. 13) outside Railway limits.

(2) That (para. 16) the Trustees claimed that the division should be made on the basis of excluding the cost of acquisition for frontages, but consented to waive this point *in the event of the Municipality agreeing to the particular proposal set forth.*

(3) That the particular proposal is explained in specific terms in para. 18 of the letter.

If any other than the particular proposal is now to be considered by the Corporation, it would certainly have to be on the non-frontage basis, and supposing for a moment that the Northern Section was excluded, the division would become—

		Rs.	Rs.
Municipal section...		6,18,500	
Deduct—To be contributed ...		1,74,207	
	Rs.	4,44,293	
Add—Victoria Road		36,200	
	Total...		4,80,493
Port Trust sections		2,70,086	
Add—Contribution		1,74,207	
	Rs.	4,44,293	
Add—Victoria Road		40,000	
	Total...		4,84,293

that is, the contribution would be Rs. 1,74,207 instead of Rs. 1,56,500.

The difference is then Rs. 17,707 instead of Rs. 58,500 as mentioned in the minute signed by Messrs. Wacha and I. Rahimtula.

But the Trustees would certainly not agree to a division on the basis of their being charged with the whole of one section and half the remainder, instead of half of the whole which is the essential basis of their offer.

WALTER C. HUGHES.

Proposed by G. Cotton, Esq., seconded by Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Esq.—

No. 13938. "That the report of the Committee of the Corporation, dated 16th instant, be approved and adopted, and that the Standing Committee be requested to make the necessary financial recommendations."

Carried.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq.—

No. 13939. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 12789, dated 28th ultimo, sanction be given to the retention of the services of the Inspector in connection with the works of screening chamber at Ghatkooper siphon head, &c., for a further period of six months, from 25th December last. The amount to be met partly out of savings in the provision for establishment, sanctioned in the revised estimates for

the Tansa works, and partly out of the contingencies for the works in connection with which the Inspector's services are required."

The motion was seconded by Framji D. Divecha, Esq., and

Carried.

As Mr. E. B. Carroll, who had given notice of the following motion, was not present, and as no Councillor took up the question, the notice was allowed to drop :—

"That, as the water-supply of the City is now sufficient for all purposes, the raising of an additional supply for road-watering by persian-wheels (costing annually Rs. 6,259) should be given up, and with this object the Commissioner be requested to reduce the expenditure, as far as possible, in the current year.

"Also, that the iron tanks used in connection with road-watering (the maintenance of which cost annually Rs. 3,320) be gradually abolished, and the cheaper mode of supply direct from stand-pipes be adopted."

Under the terms of section 36 (*l*) of the Municipal Act, the Commissioner asked the meeting to consider, as urgent business, resolution of the Standing Committee, No. 13214, dated 7th instant, and it was agreed that such resolution be taken as urgent business, whereupon it was

Proposed by Cowasjee Hormusjee, Esq., seconded by Hurkissondas Nurrotumdas, Esq.—

No. 13940. "That, as recommended by the Standing Committee in their resolution No. 13214, dated 7th instant, sanction be given to the adjustment of the total excess on the Budget grants for water consumed for Municipal purposes, principally by the Health Department, Rs. 29,135-4-5, as follows :—Rs. 8,054-0-3 to the debit of the allotments for water-supply for Municipal Gardens, miscellaneous drainage, Love Grove Pumping Station, sluices, Mahaluxmi Dhobiwada, and milch-cattle stables ; Rs. 21,081-4-2 to the debit of unappropriated balance."

Carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOMBAY, 19*th March* 1894.

AT the adjourned special meeting of the Corporation (originally called for the 5th ultimo, and adjourned from the 1st instant), held this day, there were present :—

THOMAS BLANEY, Esq., *President*.

ARDASIR DADABHAI MODY, Esq., L.M. & S.; ARDASIR FRAMJI UNWALLA, Esq., B.A.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. S. O'B. BANKS, F.R.C.S.I.; BHAGWANDAS NAROTUMDAS, Esq.; BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SERVAI, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. CHIMANLAL HARILAL SETALVAD, B.A., LL.B.; GEORGE COTTON, Esq.; COWASJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., G.G.M.C.; COWASJI PESTONJI, Esq., G.G.M.C.; DOMINICK A. D'MONTE, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.P. (London), L. M. & S.; DINSHA BOMONJI MASTER, Esq., L. M. & S.; DINSHA EDULJI WACHA, Esq.; FARDUNJI NASARWANJI BISNI, Esq., L. M. & S.; FAZULBHOY JOOMABHOY LALJEE, Esq.; FRAMJI DORABJI DIVECHA, Esq., L. M. & S.; GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLANA, Esq.; W. C. HUGHES, Esq., M. I. C. E.; HURKISONDAS NURROTUMDAS, Esq.; IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA, Esq.; JAMSEDJI KHARSEDJI KAMA, Esq.; THE HON'BLE MR. JAVERILAL UMIASHANKER YAJNIK; KAIKHOSRO NOWROJI KABRAJI, Esq.; KARSANDAS CHUBILDAS, Esq.; K. M. SHROFF, Esq.; KHARSEDJI NASARWANJI WADYA, Esq.; RAI BAHADUR LUCHMON SINGH; G. LUND, Esq.; BRIGADE-SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. G. A. MACONACHIE, M.D., C.M.; MIRZA HUSSEIN KHAN, Esq.; NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK, Esq., L.M. & S.; PURSHOTUMDAS MUNGULDAS NATHUBHOY, Esq.; ACCACIO G. VIEGAS, Esq., L. M. & S.; R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E.; CAPTAIN W. P. WALSHE.

H. A. ACWORTH, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner; and the SECRETARY.

Considered the following :—

DRAFT BY-LAWS FRAMED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 461 OF THE CITY OF BOMBAY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1888.

The Committee appointed by the Corporation on the 18th ultimo, as per margin, beg to report that they have carefully considered all the provisions of the draft By-laws in question, and are of opinion that, subject to the modifications made by the Committee in certain sections, these By-laws should now be sanctioned by the Corporation. In their drafting, great care appears to have been taken to make them as equitable as possible in the interests both of the public and of the particular classes who will be subjected to their provisions; but, after consulting the Commissioner and the Health Officer, it seemed to the Committee to be desirable that Section 46 (as originally numbered) should be struck out and that Section 50 (as originally numbered) should be so modified as to provide that, instead of being required to keep tanks, barrels, and a constant supply of water on hand, licensed hay-dealers shall only be liable, if so required by the Commissioner, to lay water mains to their premises. In like manner, Section 3 of the Rules relating to the cleanliness of milk stores and vessels has been omitted as unnecessary in milch-cattle stables of improved construction; whilst in certain sections the word "thoroughly," when occurring before the words "cleanly" and "cleansed," has been omitted.

"That a Committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, be appointed to consider and report on the draft By-laws framed by the Commissioner, under Section 461, clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*), (*j*), and (*p*), of the Municipal Act, forwarded with his letter No. 18022, dated 14th August 1893 :—The President, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Geary, Dr. Bhalchandra K. Bhatawadekar, Dr. Katrak, Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Mr. Sayani."

The details of all the amendments made in the various sections originally numbered are as follows :—

Page 3, *Section* 2.—After the word "lakes" the words "or in any stream, duct or conduit" inserted.

Section 5.—The word "thoroughly" omitted before the word "cleanly."

Page 5, *Section* 10.—The word "thoroughly" omitted before the word "cleansed."

Page 9, *Section* 29.—The words "Provided, however, that" inserted before the word "nothing."

Section 30.—The word "thoroughly" omitted before the word "cleansed."

Page 10, *Section* 36.—In the last line after the word "him," the following words inserted : "or them."

Section 37.—After the words "milch cattle," the following words inserted : "or horses or other four-footed animals."

Section 38.—The words "dressed with suitable material" struck out, and the following words inserted in place thereof : "made with suitable material and sloped."

Page 11, *Section* 42, *line* 2.—After the word "cleansed" the words "and flushed" inserted.

Page 12, *Section* 44.—The word "two" struck out, and the word "four" inserted in place thereof.

Section 45, *line* 8.—After the word "thereon" the words "that is to say, a minimum space of 3 feet shall be left between every two stacks," inserted.

Line 11.—The figures "30" inserted in place of "20."

Line 12.—The figures "20" inserted in place of "10."

Line 13.—The following words inserted after the word "space" : "provided the height does not exceed the width of the base in either case."

Line 17.—After the word "taken" the following words inserted : "if so required by the Commissioner."

Page 13, *Section* 46—Struck out.

Page 14, *Section* 50 (now 49), *line* 4.—All the words after the word "shall" to the word "also" in line 9 struck out.

Section 52 (now 51.)—All the words after "Commissioner" struck out.

Page 17, *Section* 1, *line* 3.—The words "or in any stable" struck out.

Section 3—Struck out.

ge 21, " A " No. 2.—The figure " 4 " inserted in place of " 8."
3. The figure " 2 " inserted in place of " 4."
4. The figure " 4 " inserted in place of " 8."

THOMAS BLANEY.
WALTER HUGHES.
GRATTAN GEARY.
BHALCHANDRA KRISHNA.
IBRAHIM RAHIMTULA.
NANABHAI NAVROJI KATRAK.
R. M. SAYANI.

BOMBAY, *9th October* 1893.

Considered also the following :—

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF BOMBAY.

The humble petition of the firewood merchants of Bombay, holding licenses from the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay, pointing out their objections to the draft rules as issued by the said Commissioner.

SHEWETH,—(1) Your petitioners beg to draw your attention to the draft 45th and 47th rules as issued by the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay.

(2) With regard to the 45th rule, your petitioners state that it would really be a hardship to them if the different requirements mentioned in the said rule were enforced.

(3) By the first para. of the said rule, every license-holder is required to leave a minimum space of three feet between every two stacks. Your petitioners object to the said para. upon the following among other grounds, viz :—

(*a*) That if the wood were to be stacked in small separate lots as required by the said para. there would be probability of their falling over and giving way.

(*b*) That it occupies a greater space in proportion to its value. The rents now-a-days in Bombay are very high, and if the petitioners are strictly to follow the said rule they would be put to much loss and inconvenience, and they would not find fit places for storing up such wood. Moreover there is no danger of any fire emanating from it inasmuch as wood is not an easily ignitable substance and as no other ignitable substance is kept with it.

(4) That your petitioners object to the second para. of the said rule which requires every merchant not to cause or suffer any timber or firewood to be stacked on his premises to a greater height than 30 feet, if an open space, or to a greater height than 20 feet, if in a building or confined space, provided that the height

does not exceed the width of the base in either case, on the following grounds :—

(*a*) That in order to pile this wood, generally the open ground of the Port Trust is made use of; and different pieces of ground are leased by the Trustees, each admeasuring 10 feet in breadth and 50 feet in length and which is called a "*Kathi*;" and they charge seven rupees per month as rent for each such piece. Now if your petitioners were to take on hire one such piece and were to comply with the provisions of the said para. now under consideration, they could not raise the piles to a greater height than 10 feet, inasmuch as the maximum height fixed by the rule is the width of the base. Moreover by this new arrangement your petitioners would hardly be able to store up wood of more than Rs. 300 whereas formerly goods worth more than Rs. 800 used to remain on each such piece. Therefore if the new arrangement, as proposed in the said para., were to come in force, three times the space will be required to accommodate the same amount of wood, which under the former arrangement occupied only one such space, and your petitioners thereby will be put to unnecessary costs inasmuch as they will have to pay thrice the amount which they now pay for accommodating the same stock, and as they will have to take three licenses instead of one as they now do. If your petitioners are obliged to fulfil all these requirements it would be very hard for them to carry on their business any more.

(*b*) As a minimum space of three feet is required to be left between every two stacks, your petitioners will be obliged to hire 1½ kathi instead of one as they do now; and as the stacks are to be kept apart from each other, they probably will give way easily and injure any person who, thinking it to be a shady place, may be taking rest there.

(*c*) As the locality where the wood is stacked at present is not a populated one, there is no possibility of any accident occurring and thereby injuring any one, even if the wood is stacked to a height as it is done at present; moreover there is not a single instance recorded for the past many years of any one suffering any injury by an accident of this sort.

(*d*) Moreover your petitioners do not see any reason whatever why in most populated parts of this city, where there is every probability of accidents occurring, no objections should be taken to grain bags and such other like articles to be stacked to a greater height than 30 feet, and why they alone should be called upon to submit to this sort of oppression.

(5) With regard to the first and second paras. of the said 45th rule, your petitioners are in a position to state, that if the requirements mentioned in the said paras. were enforced, the price per each *khandy* of wood will increase at least by eight annas, which is just like levying an additional tax on the people of this city, and the interests of the poor people will be thereby greatly prejudiced. If your petitioners are allowed to make a rough calculation, the total amount of wood sold every year is more than 16 lac *khandies*, and if these requirements are enforced, the people will be put to a loss of more than 8 lacs of rupees.

(6) With reference to the third para. of the said 45th rule, your petitioners beg to state, that if this rule is enforced, a great portion of those persons who at present deal in wood, will leave off such business. Moreover it would be extremely difficult for your petitioners to find out a suitable place answering in every respect the requirements mentioned in the said para. Under these circumstances your petitioners humbly submit that this para. should be struck out from the rules.

(7) With reference to the 47th rule, your petitioners humbly submit that if the same is allowed to stand into present form, it would work great hardships on the merchants, inasmuch as it leaves a great latitude of power in the hands of the Commissioner, and more especially in the hands of the subordinate officers. The Commissioner will rely on the statements of his subordinates, and the subordinates will oppress the poor merchants very much. Your petitioners therefore say that it would be advisable to amend this rule, and define the powers of the Commissioner and his subordinates, and not entirely to leave discretionary power in their hands.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

CHAPSEE BHIMJI THAKAR,
SORABJI HORMUSJI, and others.

Considered also the following :—

No. 26169 of 1893-94.

To THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

BOMBAY, *2nd March* 1894.

Municipal Secretary's No. 11401 of 29-1-94.

The Commissioner has the honour to say, with regard to the third para. of the petition, that the object of the three feet space is to afford easy access in case of fire or accident; a less space than three feet would be of no use. The Health Officer writes to me on this point: "I think the petitioners are under some misapprehension in regard to the 1st paragraph of rule 45. The three feet space between stacks, means, space between the holdings of different dealers. This space is intended to take the place of a gully between houses. The wording of the rule is perhaps a little ambiguous. I do not think it was intended that *each* dealer should leave three feet clear on the sides of his own

holding, as that would mean that a space of six feet would in reality be left between two occupants. It was intended that the space should be three feet, and the rule should, I think, be amended accordingly, that is, that instead of three feet being left between each holding it should be a space of one foot six inches on the sides of each when the adjoining occupants are timber or firewood dealers. This will then give a three feet gully or passage between. There can, I think, be no reasonable objection to this, the principal reason being to afford easy access in case of fire or accident. No timber or firewood should be piled against the walls of a house or building, and I am strongly of opinion that the rule should stand in respect to this condition. It is ridiculous to say that there is no danger from fire when we remember the rapidity with which the fire spread from stack to stack and shed to shed at the recent fire in the timber depôts at Chinch Bunder Road. Had there been spaces or gullies between the different holdings, the fire might have been got under control, with much less loss." The Superintendent of Licenses, on the other hand, writes :—" I have visited the bunders and the other places where firewood and timber are stored in large quantities, and I am of opinion, that in rule 45, para. 1, the words 'that is to say, a minimum space of three feet should be left between every two stacks,' should be omitted. The closer the stacks are, the less is the danger of their falling over. Besides, the rents for lands used for storing firewood are so high that this rule, if enforced, will no doubt entail on the dealers heavy and unnecessary costs in the shape of ground rent." I concur with Dr. Weir except as to thinking there is any ambiguity in the rule. The concluding words seem to me to make the meaning perfectly clear (they were added by the Committee with that object) and I think the rule might stand as it is.

2. With regard to the height of the stacks (para. 4), thirty feet in the one case, and 20 in the other, should, in my opinion, on no account be exceeded, and these measurements are in each case ten feet more than I, in consultation with the Health Officer, recommended. This height, moreover, is ample for all purposes. As a matter of fact, I have ascertained that there is not at the present moment a single stack in the city as high as this. On this point Dr. Weir writes :—" I think the limit of thirty feet in regard to height is very fair. Firewood cannot be stacked with safety to any great height, and I see no reason for making any alteration in the rule. I think the objections to this rule on the part of the petitioners are also based on misapprehension. Moreover, I do not think that the Corporation should frame its by-laws in order to conform to the existing custom of leasing land on the Port Trust estate. The by-laws are intended to apply to the whole city and not to any one section of it. The contention that there has been no accident and that objection should also be taken to the stacking of grain and other articles, is untenable. A serious accident did occur at Frere Road not many years ago

[redacted]ling of a stack of firewood, and the appalling accident [redacted]tton godown at Colaba by the falling of a number of [redacted]f cotton, will be in every one's recollection. The reason [redacted]bjection is not taken to the stacking of grain and other [redacted]s is simply this, that they are not included in the section [redacted]e Municipal Act dealing with licenses." I think there is reason in what Dr. Weir says as to our being under no obligation in reason to frame our bye-laws so as to fit in with the shape of the plots in which the Port Trust lets its land. It will, I presume, be easy to let ground to firewood dealers in plots of which the breadth will bear a greater proportion to the length, and in that case the provision as to height not exceeding width of base—a precaution inserted by the Committee when they increased the heights—will not work in any way harshly. The contention in para. 4*b* of the petition seems to me erroneous. There is nothing in the bye-laws to prevent a stack belonging to one holding extending over 1½ or 2 kathis. It is evidently quite erroneous to assert that there is no danger from lofty stacks as accidents have been known to occur.

With regard to the last para. of the petition, I may point out that an almost exactly similar by-law (Chapter III—10 of the old by-laws) has been in force for years, and the petitioners are evidently unaware of its existence, a conclusive proof that it has not been harshly worked.

H. A. ACWORTH, Commissioner.

Proposed by Nanabhai N. Katrak, Esq., seconded by Framjee Dorabjee Divecha, Esq.—

"That the by-laws framed by the Commissioner under section 461, clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*), (*j*) and (*p*) of the Municipal Act III. of 1888, be finally approved.

"That the President be requested to submit the same to Government for confirmation under the terms of section 463 of the Act."

Amendment, proposed by Ibrahim Rahimtula, Esq., seconded by Fazalbhoy Jumabhoy Lalji, Esq.—

"That in draft by-law 45, clause I, the following words be omitted after the words 'any building' :—

"'*But shall leave a clear space of not less than three feet in width all round any timber or firewood stacked or piled thereon, that is to say, a minimum space of three feet shall be left between every two stacks.*'

"That in clause 2 of the same by-law, the following words, after the words 'confined space,' be omitted :—

"'*Provided the height does not exceed the width of the base in either case.*'"

After discussion, the amendment was accepted as a rider.

The resolution, as thus amended, was carr[illegible] follows :—

" That the by-laws framed by the Commissioner
No. 13941. section 461, clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*) and (*p*) of Municipal Act III. of 1888 modified as follows :—

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'*Draft By-law No.* 45, *Clause I.*

" That after the word 'building,' all the following words be omitted:—'*but shall leave a clear space of not less than three feet in width all round any timber or firewood stacked or piled thereon, that is to say, a minimum space of three feet shall be left between every two stacks.*'

By-law No. 45, *Clause* 2.

" That after the words 'or confined space,' all the following words be omitted :—'*provided the height does not exceed the width of the base in either case.*'

" That, as thus amended, the said by-laws be finally approved, and that the President be requested to submit the same to Government for confirmation under the terms of section 463 of the Act."

This concluded the business of the meeting.

H. WYNFORD BARROW,
Municipal Secretary.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
BOMBAY, *April* 1894.

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